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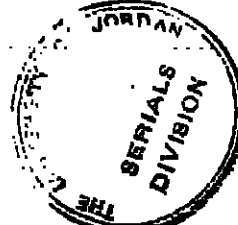
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Hectic diplomatic bids to defuse crisis; Saud flies to Iraq; Tareq to visit Cairo

Klibi confers with Kuwaiti leaders

KUWAIT, July 21, (Agencies): Arab leaders made intensive diplomatic efforts today to defuse tension sparked when Iraq accused Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) of selling too much oil.

A top Saudi Arabian envoy flew to Iraq and later headed for cent this year. Both the small Gulf states rejected the charge.

Egyptian Oil Minister Abdel-Hadi Kandeel said Cairo believed curbing output was the way to solve the crisis. He was quoted by Cairo's state-owned daily newspaper Al-Ahram today as saying Egypt was pressing oil producing states for restraint.

Kuwait's Trade Union Federation accused Iraq of "a virtual declaration of war."

Arab League Secretary-General Cheddi Klibi, who arrived in Kuwait yesterday, discussed the crisis with the Emir, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah and Sheikh Sabah today.

The talks followed several days of telephone and shuttle diplomacy by the Gulf's kings, amirs and foreign ministers aimed at preventing the crisis from escalating into open warfare.

Kuwait in an attempt to mediate, Baghdad's Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz was reported to be planning a visit to Cairo tomorrow.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein implicitly accused Kuwait and the UAE of overproducing and forcing the price of oil to plummet by 30 per



Klibi (centre) in talks with HH the Amir as Sheikh Sabah looks on (left).

The Iraqi News Agency INA said Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, carrying a message from King Fahd, held talks in Baghdad with Saddam. INA gave no details.

The Kuwaiti Trade Unions' statement said Iraq's charges to the Arab League "qualify as a direct military action with the threats it entails on Arab solidarity."

Oil China supports Opec Rapid rise in oil prices opposed

ABU DHABI, July 21, (Reuters): China supports Opec's oil price and production policy but opposes a rapid increase in prices, its Energy Minister Huang Yicheng was quoted as saying.

"We do not want prices to increase rapidly or drop rapidly as this will hurt the world economy," he told the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Oil Ministry

magazine, Petroleum and Industry.

"China hopes Opec will remain united so prices will stabilise and then rise slightly and gradually every year."

Oil prices have seenawed in the past few years, plunging to below \$10 in 1986 compared with Opec's benchmark price of \$18 a barrel.

Agreed

Before the row blew up on Tuesday, Kuwait and the UAE had agreed to cut production to around 1.5 million barrels per day, removing some 800,000 bpd from the glutted marketplace.

Meanwhile, Arab League Secretary-General Cheddi Klibi, in Kuwait, is bracing to use his good offices in an effort to defuse tension between Kuwait and Iraq.

Ameeri to leave for Geneva Opec talks

KUWAIT, July 21, (Kuna): Minister of Oil Rasheed Salim Al-Ameeri will leave for Geneva tomorrow heading Kuwait's delegation to participate in the Opec ministerial meeting that starts on July 25.

A preparatory meeting will be held on July 24, after which the ministerial pricing and monitoring committee will convene.

The newly appointed minister had recently taken part in three consecutive meetings aimed at discussing the situation in Opec.

On July 10 oil ministers of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Qatar agreed to give priority to boosting oil prices back to its \$18 level.

After their one-day meetings the ministers called on all Opec member states to immediately adhere to the Opec prices and to maintain the production ceiling agreed upon in November 1989.

until the prices reach acceptable levels.

"After reaching acceptable levels, a balance will be made between the production ceiling and the minimum price of the Opec benchmark price according to the increase of demand on Opec's oil," said a statement.

Opec has agreed on a maximum production of 22.086 million barrels during the first half of 1990 at the organisation's meeting in November 1989.

The ministers recommended that the next Opec ministerial meeting should not lift the current production ceiling.

The Kuwaiti minister had visited Algeria where he conferred with the current chairman of Opec, Algerian Energy and Mining Minister Sadek Bou Senna and the Indonesian Energy and Mines Minister Ginanjar Kartasmita.

urged all producers to practise restraint to restore market stability, Al-Ahram said in its main front-page report.

Kandeel hoped a formula for oil prices and quotas could be agreed to at an Opec meeting in Geneva next week, the daily said.

Diplomats say King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, both leaders with close ties to Iraq, Kuwait and the UAE, were involved in trying to resolve the

war of words.

Non-Opec Egypt produces about 870,000 barrels of oil a day.

Crude oil prices rose again on the New York Mercantile Exchange yesterday as traders kept watching with concern the war of words between Kuwait and Iraq, two major producers in the Opec.

Monday marks the start of trading on September contracts, whose prices also rose.

Kuwait has emphatically denied the Iraqi charges and instead accused Iraq of encroachments on its territories and called for setting up an Arab arbitration panel to settle the dispute, provoked suddenly by Iraq.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's Legal Affairs and Justice Minister Dharir Al-Othman arrived today in Algeria while State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Abdel Rahman Al-Awadi is currently in Sanaa within the framework of a Kuwaiti diplomatic offensive to resolve the dispute.

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed had conducted a similar mission which covered the fellow members of the Gulf Co-operation Council, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

Sheikh Sabah also sent a memorandum to the UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on the Iraq-Kuwait affair.

Dialogue

Libya has urged the Arab League to form a fact-finding committee on the Iraq-Kuwait conflict while Egypt called for settling Arab differences through quiet dialogue away from any excitement or tension to avert undermining the Arab internal front.

The official Baghdad radio (Continued on Page 2)

New year holiday

THE Arab Times will be closed today on the occasion of the start of the new Hijra Year, 1411, and there will be no issue on Monday. The next Arab Times issue will be published on Tuesday.

Opinion

Don't hasten decisions

CALM debate during moments of upsets should be the norm. But who will control the heads that are now aflame with rage?

If there had been an effective Arab mediation system in operation, hope, appropriate recommendations and solutions could have been sought. The flames would not have been fanned and the nation would not now be at their mercy in an unpredictable wind.

Who then, will put out these flames?

Do bilateral communications and consultations exist, or is there a diplomatic offensive to spread the facts essential to refute claims based on evidence. Perhaps, the door of hope will open with this diplomatic mission, bringing in the good offices of men dedicated to finding pragmatic and amicable solutions.

Since the problem has been in abeyance for a period of thirty years, it would be advisable not to hasten decisions in the heat of argument, but instead to be patient. Such an attitude will contain the problem and avoid inflaming the issue — an event none in our country or in the Arab nation would like to witness.

However, in the interim, could we debate some ideas to ease the tension and relax the nerves?

At the outset, we would like to record that we are not in a defensive position, though we have been slandered without regard to any conventions or rules governing relations among member states. We strongly advocate a peaceful dialogue.

When an oil exporting country is unable to

export all of its quota due to compelling reasons — such as war — the gap in market demand would not likely be filled by one specific exporting country.

Translated, it means that an increase in oil production in this case would not be confined to a specific country, as international markets receive their requirements from several producing countries. These include both Opec and non-Opec states.

Why, then, have Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates been singled out?

Why has the scope of accusation not been expanded to include, for example, Nigeria, Venezuela or Indonesia who could have bridged the gap in the oil market for their own compelling reasons.

And if one state is unable to export its quota of oil, the responsibility for this should not be apportioned out to others. Obviously, the relevant gap in supply was the result of a policy followed by the owner of the quota.

We are not evaluating the circumstance per se — whether these be national or regional characteristics. Obviously no one in the Arab nation stood with arms folded during these circumstances.

Possibly, such an attitude was witnessed in other oil producing countries, though beyond a doubt not by Kuwait. We are sure that those countries who "stood with arms folded" were not Arab and were not affected by the circumstances surrounding the Arab nation.

In essence, Kuwait stands vindicated as it

had been affected by the circumstances and co-operated with others to find solutions to remedy the issue.

Others should be queried as to the increase in their quotas. Kuwait has paid the price for its policy and has been affected. Kuwait has all along resisted attempts to reduce oil prices.

A look at the deficit of our budget is all it takes to prove this point, further buttressed by the need to cover the deficit of the issuance of treasury bills and the floating of other paper.

Any further elaboration, will not serve public interests or that of the nation.

Without elucidating, we would like to proclaim that we are continually striving to uphold Kuwait's national interests as well as those of the Arab nations.

We have no relation with any other policies — either imperialist or otherwise. Our leaders are committed solely to Kuwait and Arab obligations. The question in this connection cannot be amplified and cannot be connected with the implementation of any plot or policy to serve the objectives of any superpower.

On this basis we will go ahead, pending the outcome of diplomatic moves as well as the good offices of Arabs. We firmly believe that "blood will remain blood" and that harmony between slogans and applications will be a reality.

Ahmed Al-Jarallah

Rival Shiites in fierce battle

Amal launches major attack; 50 killed

SIDON, July 21, (Agencies): Palestinian-backed Shiite Amal militiamen launched a major attack on a stronghold of the Iranian-financed Hezbollah in southern Lebanon today, touching off a five-hour house-to-house battle that killed 50 people, Muslim security sources said.

Muslim security sources said the dawn-to-noon fight was the fiercest since the fundamentalist Hezbollah drove the Amal out of the village of Jarjou, immediately adjacent to mountaintop positions of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army, last Monday.

Witnesses said Jarjou, once a tranquil resort village, became engulfed in a big black cloud as Amal and PLO gunmen intensively blasted Hezbollah positions backing the attackers.

Fires raged out of control from burning brick-roofed farmers' houses and surrounding bushes as the deafening sound of heavy blasts echoed across the ravines of the Iklim Al-Tuffah district, east of Sidon and 24 miles (39 km) south of Beirut.

A witness, who requested anonymity, said the Amal and PLO fighters appeared to be gaining the upper hand in the early stages of the attack, gaining territory. But the extremists later launched counter-attacks, pushing their rivals back to their original bases.

Amal sources said the attacking force captured about one-third of the village, but Hezbollah emphatically denied the report.

"It was raining shells," a Western cameraman said, "we couldn't reach Jarjou because of the non-stop shelling."

Witnesses said the feuding forces used 155mm and 122mm batteries and Soviet-made rockets during the heavy clashes that started to turn into classic exchanges around noon.

Arafat, a close ally of Iran's (Continued on Page 2)

Some 300 Amal gunmen using rifles and shoulder-fired rockets and backed by 250 commandos loyal to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat carried out the offensive, pushing forward to dislodge the Hezbollah from Jarjou, the sources said.

They said at least 50 people were killed and 70 others wounded in the fighting, bringing the toll of six days of violence in the region to 105 dead and 240 wounded.

The Amal-PLO attack was met with stiff resistance from the extremists who clashed with the attackers in houses and alleyways of the village using small arms and hand-grenades, the sources said.

Riyadh to establish ties with China today

TAIPEI, July 21, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia is expected to establish diplomatic relations with China on Sunday and downgrade its ties with Taiwan, the island's Foreign Minister Frederick Chien said today.

"We expect Saudi Arabia to set up ties with Chinese communists early Sunday (Taiwan time)," he told reporters.

He said Taiwan's current economic and other ties with the kingdom would continue unchanged despite a change in the official diplomatic ties.

Other officials said yesterday that Beijing's efforts to establish ties with Saudi Arabia were a clear sign it was using every means to isolate Taiwan internationally.

"We will continue our efforts to make friends with other countries despite the current setback," Chien said, a spokesman for Taiwan's President Lee Teng-hui, told reporters.

"If they (China) continue driving us to the wall, they would certainly stand in the way of reunification for the two sides of the Taiwan Strait," he added.

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Madonna in action

Rock superstar Madonna performs before 74,000 fans at London's Wembley Stadium on Friday. (Reuters wire-photo)

Liberia expels US military attache

ABIDJAN, July 21, (AP): Liberian President Samuel Doe ordered the US military attache expelled today, accusing him of providing support to rebels seeking to overthrow the government, Liberian and US officials said.

Doe, in a statement sent by telex to the British Broadcasting Corp. today, said Col. David Staley had 34 hours to leave the West African nation.

In Washington, the State Department confirmed that Staley had been expelled but added that charges against him were unfounded.

"Col. Staley departed Monrovia today," State Department spokesman Adam Shubb said today. "Our embassy has protested vigorously to the government of Liberia."

"In accordance with the normal diplomatic practice, we withdrew Col. Staley," Shubb added.

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Currency Rates

THE Central Bank of Kuwait currency rates against the Kuwaiti dinar on July 21, valued for July 24, 1990.

Currency	Buying	Selling
US dollar	289.596	290.740
Sterling	526.240	529.300
Deutsche mark	176.790	177.910
Swiss franc	206.910	207.900
French franc	052.700	052.960
Italian lire	0002012	0002424
Japanese yen	0019761	0019552
Bahraini dinar	768.140	771.400
UAE dirham	078.830	079.170
Saudi riyal	077.210	077.530
Qatari riyal	079.520	079.910
Omani riyal	751.980	755.470

Asian currency exchange rates against Kuwaiti dinar:

Currency	KD	GOLD PRICES	KD
Indian Rs (1,000)	16.620	One kg. 999	3,397.000
Pak. Rs	13.360	One kg. 995	3,382.000
Sri Lankan Rs	7.250	22 kt. per gm.	3.500
Singapore dollar	160.400	18 kt. per gm.	3.450
Hong Kong dollar	37.400	21 kt. per gm.	3.400
Bangladesh taka	9.680	10 tola gold	397.000
Philippine peso	12.630	One ounce gold	111.000

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Arafat cancels planned visit to Cairo amid fresh criticism by newspapers

CAIRO, July 21, (Agencies): Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has cancelled a planned visit to Egypt, due to the fresh criticism against him in the Egyptian press, diplomatic sources said today.

The sources disclosed to Kuna that Arafat informed Cairo through the Palestinian embassy of his desire to visit Egypt tomorrow to "emphasise the brotherhood between the Palestinian and Egyptian people and to affirm Egypt's honourable stance toward the Palestinian question."

"But criticisms by the Egyptian press and the attack by its writers on what was stated by

Arafat during the Arab foreign ministers' emergency conference, which convened in Tunis last Sunday made him cancel his visit immediately, without re-scheduling it."

The Egyptian press said that Arafat had accused Egypt of betraying the Palestinian cause since it began until now and quoted him as saying that "President Hosni Mubarak adopted the viewpoint of American President (George) Bush, which is similar to that of (Israeli Premier Yitzhak) Shamir."

Arafat came under heavy fire in state-owned Cairo newspapers anew today and a columnist suggested that Arafat stay away from Cairo for

10 years.

The editorial blasts, authored by three of Egypt's top journalists, was the second on the PLO chairman.

Saeed Kamal, the PLO's Cairo representative, told the AP there had been a plan for Arafat to visit Cairo on Sunday on the occasion of the 38th anniversary of the revolution that overthrew the monarchy.

"But the visit now is being reconsidered in light of the latest developments," he said. "I do not know how it will take place."

Mubarak is to address an anniversary rally tomorrow morning at the headquarters of his

National Democratic Party and Arafat had planned to attend it.

Asked to comment on the anti-PLO articles, Kamal said: "God forgive them (the writers). I have nothing more to say."

Although the articles signalled a new chill in Egyptian-PLO relations, government sources said this would not affect Cairo's support of the organisation in future Middle East peace moves.

Government officials said Cairo resented criticism by Arafat at an Arab League council

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INTERNATIONAL

Kashmiri militants detonate 15 bombs; security forces kill 3 civilians

SRINAGAR, India, July 21, (UPI): Muslim militants today detonated 15 bombs across strife-torn Srinagar, where security forces in a gun battle with militants killed three people and injured two others, police said.

Most of the bombs detonated by the militants exploded inside the state government buildings located in the northern Jammu and Kashmir state capital of Srinagar, 400 miles (640 km) north of New Delhi, police said.

They said the explosions caused minor damages to the buildings, but no casualties were reported as offices were closed for the

weekend, police sources said, adding militants exploded 15 bombs between 7:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Three residential houses of police officials were also hit in the bomb attacks.

A 72-year-old woman was among the three who died today, all killed in their homes when paramilitary forces retaliated against militants who attacked their sand-bagged bunker in Srinagar's old city quarter, a Kashmiri police official said.

The victims were "caught in the crossfire," he said. Security forces shot the victims inside their

homes during a house-to-house search for the militants, said witnesses in the Nawab Bazaar area, where the incident took place.

Families of the dead defied a curfew imposed on the old city to bury them in the "Martyrs Graveyard" where civilians killed in the seven-month uprising against Indian rule are interred.

Thousands of people shouting pro-independence slogans took part in a funeral procession to the graveyard, witnesses said.

More than 900 people have been killed since January when militants launched an open revolt in Jammu and Kashmir.

Normal life in the Muslim-dominated Kashmir region, called "Paradise on Earth" because of its scenic beauty, has been disrupted since mid-January with near daily curfews, bomb explosions, anti-India demonstrations, strikes and gun battles.

The radicals have been waging a bloody campaign for secession from India since 1988, but the campaign gained widespread popular support in mid-January when security forces opened fire in Srinagar on an anti-India rally, killing more than 35 people.

New Delhi reacted to the movement by sending hundreds of thousands of security

forces to smother the separatist campaign, but the movement shows no sign of slowing despite the death of more than 600 people in separatist-related violence.

The militants claim that separation from India is necessary to escape alleged discrimination at the hands of the Hindu-dominated central government.

They also complain that the central government reneged on a promise to hold a plebiscite so that Kashmiris could decide if they wanted to remain a part of India or join neighbouring Pakistan. Several militant groups advocate

independence. Both New Delhi and Islamabad claim sovereignty over Kashmir with India controlling two-thirds of the region. The two neighbours have fought three wars in the region since gaining independence from Britain in 1947.

New Delhi has repeatedly accused Islamabad of arming and training militants involved in the separatist movement. Pakistan has denied the allegations, but has admitted giving moral support to the separatist drive.

Kuwait

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said Saudi Arabia's foreign minister handed Saddam a letter from King Fahd on "developments in the region."

Egypt's state-run Middle East News Agency reported that President Hosni Mubarak telephoned Saddam today and said that Iraq's Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz was expected to fly to Cairo tomorrow.

The Iraq News Agency reported that Saddam also received calls from King Hussein of Jordan and President Ali Abdullah Saleh of Yemen.

The crisis came amid a period of uncertainty in the Middle East with Iraq claiming that Israel, backed by the West, plans a military strike against it to neutralise its growing strength.

Arab frustration at Washington's failure to force Israel to negotiate a Middle East peace settlement has also swelled at a time when hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews are expected to settle in Israel.

The Jordanian parliament today called on Kuwait and Iraq to exercise self-restraint and to engage in a quiet dialogue to resolve the border and oil crisis between them.

The Parliament also called on the secretary-general of the Arab League to form an arbitration panel to solve the crisis between Iraq and Kuwait by peaceful and cordial means.

The Parliament criticised the United States for what it called interference in the Gulf row over oil production.

The 80-member house, in cables sent to the leaders of Iraq, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), also urged them to settle their differences through dialogue and restraint, parliamentary sources told Reuters.

A Kuwaiti envoy will arrive in Beirut carrying a message from HH the Amir to the Lebanese President Elias Hrawi.

Sources at the Kuwait embassy said that Kuwaiti State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi will arrive in Beirut within the next 48 hours.

Message
The personal envoy of HH the Amir and Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs Dhari Abdulla Al Othman conferred today with Algerian President Chadli Benjedid.

During the meeting, Al Othman handed President Benjedid a message from Kuwait's Amir, HH the Amir Bin Ali.

The Kuwaiti envoy later left for Tunisia on a similar mission, where he will meet President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali.

Mauritania
President Masouiyah Ould Sid Ahmed Taya received last night Al Othman who handed him a message from the Amir.

Arafat

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meeting. They also said the government was shocked that Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz backed Arafat although he did not mention Egypt by name.

Mubarak's office, in a handwritten note, said the state-run Middle East News Agency, said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein telephoned the Egyptian leader this morning.

No details were given of what was discussed, but an agency said the conversation resulted in agreement that Aziz visit Cairo tomorrow.

Arab diplomatic sources speculated that Saddam and Mubarak talked about the crisis between Iraq on one hand and Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates on the

other over oil production they said the two leaders also were virtually certain to have discussed the flap involving statements by Aziz and Arafat at the league meeting in Tunis.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the more fact of Aziz's Cairo trip indicated that Saddam wants to soothe ruffled tempers in Cairo regarding the Tunis meeting. Egypt and Iraq are members of the Arab Co-operation Council, that also includes Jordan and Yemen.

Identical accounts of the criticism by Arafat and Aziz were published in Cairo newspapers Thursday in what officials acknowledged as a government leak.

The reports said Arafat lamented

the absence of Egyptian Foreign Minister Emad Meguid from the council session, which had been called at ministerial level. Abdel Meguid was busy in Egypt with a visit by Syrian President Hafez Assad coinciding with the League meeting.

The reports said Arafat suggested in his council speech that Egypt was subservient to the United States although Washington was generous with aid to Israel but stingy with Egypt, giving it wheat on a week-to-week basis.

"Tell me, Abu Ammar: how and when will you turn up in Cairo?" wrote columnist Anis Mansour today in the leading newspaper Al-Ahram, using Arafat's nom de guerre. "In 10 years?"

The paper urged Arab nationalists and understanding and cautioned against

intimidation and threats to use force, reminding that thousands had fallen victim to inter-Arab fighting and that enemies will add fuel to any Arab fire in order to reap benefits.

"If we believe in the common Arab destiny," the columnist reminded, "we should deal on the basis of parity and evenness. There is no small and big Arab (countries). We should all understand that neither party can make benefits at expense of the other."

The paper also claimed that the deadly screwworm which has been causing damage in northern Libya was sent by the United States.

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Italy's nobility boosts fashion

Ennoble sagging image

ROME, July 21, (AP): A dinner with fashion show given by Roman prince-designer Giovanni Torlonia, the famed Spanish Steps as a runway backdrop and a gala buffet hosted by Princess Marina Doria of Savoia combined to ennoble the sagging image of Italian culture.

With all the partying and aristocratic elbow-rubbing, it was more of a high society than high fashion week, with almost as many elegant clothes seen off the runway as on. The weeklong showings for next fall and winter ended yesterday.

Talk of the town was the descent on Rome by Marina Doria, wife of Victor Emmanuel IV, son of the last king of Italy. The royal family was exiled from Italy when the country became a republic in 1946, and the male heirs were banned from returning even for a visit.

However, judging from the scramble for invitations to the blue-blooded event in honour of Italian designers, monarchic nostalgia still lingers in the Italian capital.

Another of the week's most sought-after events was the presentation of his evening wear collection by Prince Giovanni Torlonia. It was the first couture collection of the young designer, sole heir to the vast Torlonia fortune, and also first member of the age-old dynasty to go to work.

To set off his sumptuous gowns, Torlonia chose young ladies of Roman aristocracy as models, who looked like they stepped out of gilt-framed ancestral paintings as they walked through the halls of the family's renaissance palace in downtown Rome.

A stone's throw from the Torlonia homestead are the famed Spanish Steps, which for the past five years have served as backdrop for the grand finale of the Rome fashion week, with

couture and ready-to-wear designers alike parading their wares for next year's winter fashion.

Thursday night 18 of Italy's top designers, including Armani, Valentino, Versace, Fendi and Ferre, showed the best of their evening wear on the moonlight steps. For the production, which was televised around the world, each designer chose a celebrity to accompany the collection.

Actress Johanna Pakula made her way down the steps in a gray chiffon sequined gown for Armani, while Anthony Quinn lent a supporting arm to a red cashmere clad model for Laura Biagiotti. Anthony Delon, son of French actor Alain Delon, was all too happy to escort his lady down the stairs, as she flashed her legs in a super-mini brown silk sequined dress by Pino Lancetti. Valentino preferred to let his lady stand alone, sending a stunning Ornella Muti in a 1965 red chiffon Valentino floor-length gown down the spectacular runway.

Hollywood favourite Gianni Versace stole the show when he sent top model Jennifer Flavin in an ultra-tight sequined jump suit slowly down the steps and into the arms of current boyfriend Sylvester Stallone.

In general the high fashion look for next year's chiller weather is either super short and sexy or long flouncy and elegant. Sequins and elaborate detailing abound. Heels are very high, the models who tottered down the Spanish Steps could tell a tale — and jewellery is discreet playing heavily on the earring.

Makeup is demure. Boyish haircuts are out, long loose and softly curled is in. Aside from the traditional black evening gown, brightened by spangles (the best were seen at Milla Schoen) favourite colours are electric shades of red, blue, green and purple.

Bonus publicity for organisers

Ivana highlights buyers at Paris fashion show

PARIS, July 21, (Reuters): Guardians of haute couture fashion are rubbing their hands with glee at the bonus publicity Ivana Trump, wife of the beleaguered American billionaire, will bring when she flies in for the Paris collection show.

The five days of autumn-winter couture parades opening tomorrow invariably attract hundreds of journalists and fashion moguls. But few of the visitors at the 22 parades could afford even the smallest accessories displayed by the 2,000 models.

Only the likes of Ivana, Paloma Picasso, Ann Getty, Princess Gloria von Thurn and Taxis and a handful of others are likely to be reaching for their cheque-books.

Hand-scissored in the finest of cloths and stitched together by an army of seamstresses, the individually-tailored creations are set at astronomically high prices said to range from \$6,000 to \$80,000 for a wedding dress.

The Czechoslovak-born US socialite bedazzled the paparazzi

with a new image and hair-do during her much-publicised split with her flamboyant husband, Donald Trump.

Wasn't Ivana a regular visitor at the haute couture collection shows? "No," Jacques Mouchier of the Chambre Syndicale, the body that runs Paris fashion, told Reuters. "She sometimes comes but this time she is coming especially."

But sales are not what haute couture is really about.

"Haute couture is the flagship of the French clothes industry," said Mouchier. "Each collection brings 2,000 free pages of advertisement and 30 radio and TV shows. It is an investment for the fashion houses."

Even names such as Yves Saint-Laurent or Chanel, which closes the parades, will not sell more than 100 of the outfits displayed. Torrente, a smaller couturier opening the fashion gala which was once favoured by President Francois Mitterrand's wife, may sell only a score of models.



A Christian Dior model wears a two-tone woolen trousers suit with a multi-coloured leather neckline during a preview for the Autumn/Winter 1990/91 high fashion collection on July 19 (Reuters wirephoto)



A Milla Shon model wears a red satin dress, a multi-coloured flowered waistcoat and a jacket in red cashmere with flowing sleeves during the Autumn/Winter 1990-91 fashion show on July 19 (Reuters wirephoto)



A Paco Rabanne model wears a suit with shirt-front and turned-down collar in broadcloth, with a vest in rib weave during a preview for the Autumn/Winter 1990/91 high fashion collection in Paris on July 19 (Reuters wirephoto)

People and Places

STOCKHOLM, Sweden: Rock 'n' roller Chuck Berry on Friday denied child abuse and drug charges filed against him in the United States.

Arriving late Thursday for a tour of the countryside, Berry created commotion at Stockholm airport by swinging a bag against a TV photographer and kicking at him. No charges were filed but the incident was shown on Swedish TV.

The 63-year-old musician refused to talk with reporters but allowed Swedish manager Finn Johansson to relay a message to the public.

Johansson quoted Berry as saying he was innocent of the charges announced in St Charles, Missouri, on Thursday, and said "someone is out to get me." (AP)



Barry's trial

The judge in Washington Mayor Marion Barry's trial on Thursday denied the last of the defence's motion for acquittal. The defence then opened its case by calling as witness one of Barry's security guards. Prosecutors dropped a bombshell in the case by charging first defence witness Sgt. James Stays to charge he was involved with cocaine. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEW YORK: Some readers of the New York Times were treated Friday to the debut of a writer they never knew existed: Fake Byline.

Byline's first — and, the Times hopes, last — appearance in the paper came on Page A8, where a story about a Texas-Mexico ferry appeared under bold-type heading "By Fake Byline." In smaller type, it said, "Special to the New York Times."

"The story was not supposed to have a byline on it, but our computer format doesn't work without one," explained Times spokeswoman Nancy Nielsen. "We plug in 'Fake Byline' so the format works. It's supposed to be deleted, but..."

The byline did not appear in all editions of the Times, so it was not known how many readers saw the glitch, she said. (AP)

PARIS: A petite Frenchwoman is teaming up with one of America's most experienced climbers to attempt a record-breaking assault up the sheer face of Trango's nameless tower in the Himalayas.

Catherine Destiville and Jeff Lowe of Boulder, Colorado, are to set out from France next week, hoping to make the fastest free-climb up the austere 20,510-foot (6,250-metre) rock needle in northern Pakistan. Free-climbing means avoiding the use of pitons placed by previous climbers.

Another member of the team, David Breashears of Newton, Massachusetts, plans to record the effort on videotape for a TV special to be aired in the fall by ABC. He said it would be one of the most sustained free-climbs ever attempted at such an altitude. (AP)

ROME: The 2,000-year-old Colosseum, the Eternal City's most famous landmark, will undergo its first complete check-up in nearly two centuries.

A group of Rome University archaeologists, engineers and historians announced on Wednesday a two-year project to assess the stability of the ancient amphitheatre.

"Project Colosseum" will use thousands of air and ground photographs to study the stability and condition of every part of the 57-metre-high (187-foot) structure. Using the photographs, computers will make mathematical models of the Colosseum to analyse its weak points and study their susceptibility to earthquakes and traffic vibrations.

The group said the last full-scale study of the Colosseum's problems was in 1810. (Reuters)

PARIS: The French government thinks vending machines should have a day off.

A French legislator, who has introduced a law to extend the machines' working week, accused the government on Thursday of bending labour regulations.

Jean-Louis Masson said present laws, under which all vending machines in France are closed on Sunday, were "particularly ridiculous and an obvious nuisance to consumers".

The government says Sunday closing for the machines is essential to the harmonisation of opening hours and fair competition. (Reuters)

Leak puts off Atlas rocket launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, July 21, (AP): A leak forced postponement of yesterday's lift-off of an Atlas rocket with a satellite that will illuminate Earth's invisible magnetic field.

Lift-off had been scheduled for 1933 GMT from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. But the launch was delayed more than an hour because of the inability to start a compressor that furnishes gaseous nitrogen to the rocket to cool the satellite.

Workers managed to start the compressor in time for a second launch opportunity starting at 2049 GMT. But a leak in a liquid helium line then began overchilling hydrazine, used for steering the rocket's upper stage, and the launch was called off just before 2000 GMT.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration spokesman George Diller said it was not immediately certain whether another launch attempt would be made today.

The mission comes at a critical time for the US space agency, under attack for the crippled Hubble space telescope and a shuttle fleet that, until this week, had been grounded by fuel leaks.

The Atlas 1 rocket will boost the satellite to an elliptical orbit 217 miles (349 kilometres) by 22,236 miles (357,788 kilometres) high.

Brando girl not formally charged

LOS ANGELES, July 21, (UPI): Actor Marlon Brando's daughter, Cheyenne, is under investigation in Tahiti in the shooting death of her boyfriend, but has not been formally charged there, prosecutors in Los Angeles said Friday.

Her half-brother, Christian Brando, 32, is charged in Los Angeles with murder in the May 16 shooting death of the boyfriend, Dag Drollet, 26, at Marlon Brando's Santa Monica Mountains estate.

The victim's father, Jacques Drollet, an influential political figure in Tahiti, told reporters earlier this week that Cheyenne was charged in Tahiti, as an accomplice to the slaying.

All it takes: low fat veg diet, clean living, stress management

Heart disease can be reversed: study

LONDON, July 21, (AP): A low-fat vegetarian diet, clean living and stress management can reverse heart disease in many patients in as little as a year, according to a study published in a weekly British medical magazine.

Dr Dean Ornish of the Preventive Medicine Research Institute in Sausalito, California said in this week's edition of the Lancet that this is the first evidence that heart disease can be reversed without surgery or drugs.

"Our trial suggests that comprehensive lifestyle changes may begin to reverse coronary atherosclerosis in only a year," the study said.

Researchers emphasised that "adherence to this lifestyle programme needs to be very good for overall regression to occur, although more moderate changes have some beneficial

effects." The "lifestyle heart trial" noted that only two other controlled studies had shown regression of coronary atherosclerosis and both used cholesterol-lowering drugs as the main treatment.

The 10 researchers participating in the study cautioned, however, that some important questions remained unanswered.

The study involved only 41 patients, and researchers said it was important to determine whether these results can be sustained in large numbers of patients with coronary heart disease.

Further research is also needed to determine the relative contribution of each component of the lifestyle programme the researchers said.

Scientists should also study just how the

disease regresses and compare the results of changing lifestyles vs using drugs or surgery, they said.

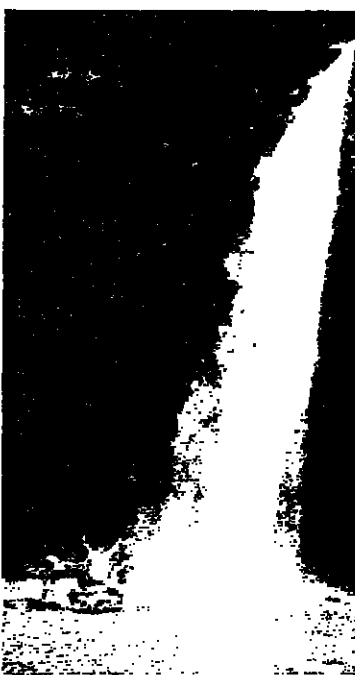
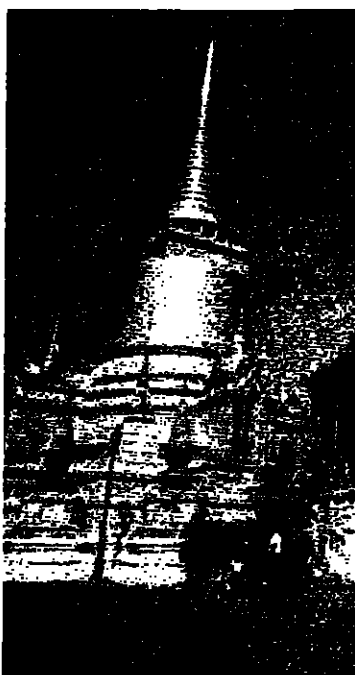
The 41 patients from the Greater San Francisco area, aged 35-75, were randomly assigned to an experimental group and a control group, the study said.

The 22 patients in the experimental group ate a low-fat, vegetarian diet. Smoking and caffeine were banned and alcohol was limited to two drinks a day, although drinking was not encouraged.

They exercised regularly and attended stress management training classes.

Eighteen of the 22 patients showed a reversal of coronary artery blockages. Three others showed slight deterioration, while one patient with "poor adherence" to the diet became markedly worse, the study reported.

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INTERNATIONAL

Nine more Cubans seek refuge

MADRID, Spain, July 21. (AP): Nine more Cubans sought refuge in the Spanish embassy in Havana today, bringing to 18 the number of asylum-seekers in the mission, the Spanish news agency EFE reported.

Four Cubans entered the embassy grounds at about 0600 GMT, and five more gained access two hours later, EFE said.

The first group crossed a neighbouring property and entered the embassy by way of a terrace, while the second group scaled the embassy facade and broke a balcony while trying to enter the building, EFE said.

All nine were men who appeared to be

between the ages of 25 and 40, EFE said.

Officials at the Spanish Foreign Ministry in Madrid could not confirm the EFE report, which was sent from Havana.

The new arrivals came after Spain suspended its \$2.5-million 1990 aid package to Cuba Thursday to express its displeasure over Cuba's unusually harsh criticism of Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordóñez.

On Wednesday the Cuban Foreign Ministry blasted Ordóñez in a three-page official statement, calling him a "frustrated colonial administrator" and a victim of "historical amnesia."

It threatened to send all the island's undesirable inhabitants to the 12-nation

European Economic Community.

Fernandez Ordóñez had previously suggested that Cuban President Fidel Castro would be cautious about allowing Cubans to leave because he knew their growing departures would cause his regime to crumble.

The first of the 18 refugees holed up in the Spanish embassy arrived July 11.

Just hours before today's arrivals, five more asylum-seekers, including a woman and a young girl, entered the embassy yesterday.

Spain ruled Cuba as a colony from the 16th century to 1898 and has maintained cordial relations with all the regimes that have governed the island since.

Spain has said it would not turn over the Cubans in its embassy to Cuban authorities and would try to negotiate their departure outside Cuba.

Another four Cubans were inside the residence of the Italian ambassador. Five who had entered the residence of a Czechoslovak diplomat in Havana to seek asylum left the building Thursday wearing masks and were taken away in a Cuban police vehicle.

Cuba already has had to cope with a trade embargo by the United States and a loss of support from the Soviet Union and from Eastern European countries that have shed their communist governments since last year.

Lafontant to organise Duvalier loyalists

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, July 21. (AP): The former head of the feared Tonton Macoute militia has returned to Haiti from exile to organise loyalists of the ousted Duvalier family dictatorship for upcoming elections, his lawyer said yesterday.

Osner Fevry, a lawyer representing Roger Lafontant since he returned from exile in neighbouring Dominican Republic two weeks ago, said his re-emergence has united forces who had backed Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier, who resigned in 1986.

"Once he arrived, Duvalierists came together, all together," Fevry said in an interview. "He wants to help in organising the elections. Mr Lafontant is a political leader who will organise Duvalierists."

Fevry is one of three lawyers representing Lafontant against a government warrant for his arrest. The attorney said the warrant is illegal because it was not written in both French and Creole, as required by the 1987 constitution. Most of Haiti's 6 million inhabitants speak Creole.

Fevry also lauded the return of Williams Regala, a retired army major-general, who has lived in the United States since military ruler Lt Gen Prosper Avril was deposed by a popular uprising in March.

"Lafontant and Regala are together and they can organise true elections in Haiti," said Fevry. "They are strong and capable. Only these two guys have experience in organising elections in Haiti."

The arrival of Lafontant and Regala has heightened fears of an organised attempt by Duvalier hardliners to disrupt elections planned for Nov 4 by the caretaker civilian government of President Ertha Pascal-Trouillot.

Fevry also criticised US Ambassador Alvin Adams for "interfering in internal affairs" by suggesting that Lafontant should leave Haiti.

Regala, who served as interior and defence minister in two previous military governments, is regarded as the mastermind of the election day massacre of Nov 29, 1987, in which at least 34 voters were killed at polling stations. He was in charge of security at the time.

Lafontant, also a former minister of interior and defence, reputedly headed the Tonton Macoute, the now-outlawed private militia that enforced the rule of the 29-year Duvalier family dynasty.

"The question of Tonton Macoutes has been distorted as being only bad guys," said Fevry. "But there were Tonton Macoutes that were poor peasants trying to defend themselves."

Many political organisations are clamouring for Lafontant's arrest and have criticised the government for not apprehending him. Some politicians have called for Pascal-Trouillot's resignation.

Fevry said he was uncertain whether Lafontant wanted to run for president, as has been reported in Haitian media. He said Duvalierists would try to choose a candidate in a yet-unscheduled convention.

Managua rains leave five dead

MANAGUA, July 21. (UPI): Torrential rains striking the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua left at least five dead and more than 100,000 homeless after flooding rivers destroyed thousands of houses, authorities said yesterday.

Atlantic Coast Development Minister Brooklin Rivera said the rains have caused a virtual tragedy in the area.

"There are more than 106,000 homeless, 5,000 houses have been destroyed, 32 communities have virtually disappeared and at least five people have drowned," Rivera said.

Telephone and electrical lines have been submerged beneath the water, cutting off all communication to the coast and causing a major blackout in the affected area.

Monrovia encircled

Liberians struggle to find food

MONROVIA, July 21. (Reuters): The rebels are coming, peace talks have collapsed and the keeper of Liberia's only zoo is afraid his animals will be eaten.

"I hope the leaders of the rebels know about the zoo," said Swiss-born Charles Steiner, whose collection includes some of the world's rarest species.

"I hope there are certain places they won't touch," he added — acknowledging he was well aware that his antelope-like duikers would make a tasty treat for rebels or government troops squaring off for a

final showdown.

There is little to eat in Liberia after seven months of a civil war that has turned into one of Africa's bloodiest tribal conflicts in years. Even a meagre cup of rice — when it can be found — costs \$2.50 in Monrovia.

Charles Taylor's National Patriotic Front rebel force, swollen by thousands of young fighters from the Gio and Mano tribes, encircles the capital. President Samuel Doe is holed up in his seaside mansion with heavily-armed die-hard followers of his minority Krahn people.

Taylor's negotiators have abandoned peace talks in neighbouring

Sierra Leone, vowing to oust Doe by force.

Rebels captured most of the northern part of Monrovia on Friday and squeezed the few hundred remaining Doe troops into a narrow strip of land flanking the presidential fortress.

No one thinks Doe, who shot his way to power in a coup 10 years ago, can hold on after surrendering virtually all his country to the rebels. The number of civilian casualties is well into the hundreds and almost certainly the thousands.

"There is no way he can win," one European ambassador said of the 48-year-old former army sergeant. "The only question is when will he go?"

Monrovia, devastated by the war in their country established in 1847 by freed American slaves, are asking the same question as they try to avoid Doe's scared and trigger-happy troops in the daily struggle to find food and water.

There is an oasis if you can afford it. Outside the El Meson hotel and restaurant in the city centre, prostitutes lure a beaming "Here are lovely ladies" to male patrons who can dine on fresh grilled lobster and steak.

"We have plenty of food in the deep freeze and we can get lobster and shrimp," says the Lebanese manager Jounama, whose bar is stocked with all the best brands of Scotch and gin in a city where even the beer has run out. "We have to have food for the hotel guests," he added.

But beyond the air-conditioned sanctuary of El Meson, most of the city's 500,000 people are scrambling to find a cup of rice. The price has more than tripled in two months.

"I can only get one cup of rice a day and they've got fish in the market but I haven't got any money," said one heavy-set woman who shares a shack with three other women on a beach below the British embassy.

"This way we reduce weight," one of her companions giggled.

People accustomed to a power at the flick of a switch and water at the turn of a tap are living in the dark and reduced to fetching water from Monrovia's few remaining wells and streams.

Seventeen-year-old Lois Lepch, a heavy bucket of stream water perched on her head, said it was one of at least six a day she carried to her home up the steepest hill in town.

Her only income is from washing clothes in a city which still seems obsessed with cleanliness while corpses rot in the streets.

"They give me money but what I earn is very small," she said. "I wish this would end soon."

Scared, untrained and illiterate soldiers pressed into service to replenish Doe's fast-deserting army have set up checkpoints all over the city, sometimes a few yards (metres) apart.

"Sometimes we catch a rebel," said one swaggering soldier carrying a US-supplied M-16 rifle. Most people with experience of the checkpoints say the main purpose is to relieve travellers of food, money, cigarettes, even their cars.

Fairly new Volvos, Toyotas and four-wheel drive Mitsubishi appear to be the military's preferred transport.



A Liberian rebel soldier takes cover in a roadside ditch during a battle with government forces outside Monrovia on July 14. Like most rebel fighters on the frontline, he is armed with a Kalashnikov AK-47 automatic rifle. Most of the battles are fought in thick bush where combatants fire wildly in the direction of targets which they can seldom see. (Reuters wirephoto)

North happy over Appeals Court's order

Ruling reverses case

WASHINGTON, July 21. (AP): A federal Appeals Court yesterday reversed Oliver North's Iran-Contra conviction for altering highly secret national security council documents.

The Appeals Court sent the entire case back to a lower court to determine whether it was tainted by his immunised congressional testimony.

The 2-1 ruling ordered a "witness-by-witness" hearing into whether the evidence presented at North's trial violated his constitutional right against self-incrimination.

The ruling also could signify trouble ahead for the Iran-Contra case against former National Security Adviser John Poindexter, who was convicted of five felonies in April. Like North, Poindexter had given immunised public testimony to Congress in 1987.

North said he was "very pleased" by the ruling and added, "I certainly hope the special prosecutor ends it now." He said, "We've been under virtual siege."

The ruling was also celebrated by congressional supporters of

the former marine lieutenant colonel and White House aide who became a national figure during the televised congressional hearings.

Meanwhile the special US prosecutor investigating the affair vowed to pursue his probe even though the conviction of North, had been set aside.

Prosecutor Lawrence Walsh said his 3-1/2 year probe would go forward, despite the US Court of Appeals' ruling.

Legal experts said the decision created major problems for Walsh's investigation into whether a handful of Reagan aides engaged in a broad pattern of deceit to conceal the scandal from Congress.

Independent counsel Lawrence Walsh, who is supervising the continuing Iran-Contra investigation, said "everyone familiar with these proceedings has recognised the difficulties presented by the grant of immunity by Congress."

Walsh could seek review of the ruling by all 12 members of the Appeals Court or go by directly to the Supreme Court.

The appeals panel reversed

one of North's convictions, blaming faulty jury instructions from US district court judge Gerhard Gesell, who presided over North's trial. On reversal, the only way the conviction could be reinstated would be through a new trial.

The panel "vacated and remanded to the district court" all three convictions, telling Gesell he must hold a full hearing on the tainted question. Gesell could reinstate the two remaining convictions if he found there had been no taint.

The former marine lieutenant colonel described for Congress and a national television audience in July 1987 how the arms-for-hostages scheme worked. He was guaranteed that his testimony would not be used in any criminal case against him.

"That inquiry must proceed witness-by-witness, if necessary, it will proceed line-by-line and item-by-item," said the Appeals Court.

"We readily understand how



Sandinistas celebrate

Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN), supporters celebrate on July 19 the 11th anniversary of dictator Anastasio Somoza's downfall. President Violeta Chamorro, a member of the ruling Sandinista junta after the revolution, declared July 19 a national holiday but scheduled no official ceremonies to mark the occasion. (Reuters wirephoto)



A Mohawk warrior keeps watch from the Mercier bridge as a Mohawk flag flies on July 18. The Mohawks have been blocking the bridge in support of the Mohawk blockade of a golf course in Oka, Quebec. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mohawks harden stand

AFN urges federal govt to intervene

MONTREAL, July 21. (Reuters): Indian leaders yesterday rejected Canadian government demands that Mohawk gunmen lay down their weapons before peace can be negotiated in armed conflicts that have erupted on Mohawk reservations in Quebec.

About 150 chiefs in the Assembly of First Nations, a national Indian lobbying group, said the federal government must intervene to resolve a tense stand-off between armed Mohawks and police that has dragged on for nine days.

A crisis over ownership of disputed land near the Kahnawake Mohawk reserve intensified last week when a Quebec provincial police officer was killed during a raid on a roadblock set up by Mohawks armed with assault rifles. The local town council wanted to use the land to extend a golf course. Indians say the site, about 20 miles (32 km) west of Montreal, is ancestral land and includes a sacred burial ground.

The federal government's Indian affairs minister said on Thursday the government would not negotiate as long as

the native people were using weapons to blockade several roads and a bridge over the St Lawrence River on Indian land near Montreal.

Chiefs of tribes across Canada, at the end of a three-day meeting of the assembly of First Nations at the Kahnawake reserve, said they unconditionally supported the Mohawks.

"We reaffirm their right to self-defence," said Joe Norton, the head of the Kahnawake Grand Council and a spokesman for the Assembly, which represents 525,000 Indians.

The chiefs called on police to withdraw from the Kahnawake and the nearby Kahnawake reserves and not to prosecute natives.

The Indian leaders said that unless the government proposed action on land claim issues, other countries should place economic sanctions on Canada.

The leaders also said they would send a delegation to several foreign countries to complain about what they called civil rights violations in Canada.

Mercury polluting Amazon

SAO PAULO, Brazil, July 21. (Reuters): Scientists say history's biggest gold is causing heavy mercury contamination in the Amazon basin and a worried Brazilian government has begun looking for international funds to tackle the pollution.

Officials said Brazil had opened negotiations for a World Bank loan to study the extent of the problem and make a start on decontaminating rivers.

A great ecological disaster could happen in 20 to 30 years time if we don't take care of this now," said Elmer Prata Salomao, a senior mining official. Mercury, which is used to separate the gold from ore, attacks the central nervous system and can kill.

Salomao, director-general of the National Department of Mineral Production (DNPM), told Reuters in Brasilia that in just one part of the Amazon, the Tapajós, gold diggers had produced 630 tonnes of gold since 1958.

They had put at least the same amount of mercury into the environment, he said.

The Tapajós used to be one of the most beautiful rivers in the Amazon, said Salomao. "A decade ago it was blue. Today it is yellow."

The Amazon gold rush, which mining experts describe as the biggest in history, has been going strong for more than a decade. By the late 1980s scientists began warning that mercury pollution was reaching serious proportions.

A Brazilian paper published this year in the Swedish science journal Ambio said: "...There is good reason to suppose that serious injuries to the health of miners and local people have already taken place and that an enormous mercury contamination of the Amazon ecosystems is in progress."

One of the authors of the paper, biologist Olaf Malm, told Reuters in Rio de Janeiro that the authorities had been slow to tackle the mercury pollution because powerful vested interests were at stake.

"There are a lot of powerful people who are involved in the gold dig," said Malm, of the Biophysics Institute at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.

In the west Amazon state of Rondonia, where about 3,000 boats dredge for gold on the Madeira river, it is normal for the rich and well-connected to have an investment in the gold prospecting.

The Madeira, an Amazon tributary which drains a huge watershed mostly covered by tropical rain-

Warnke meets Collor

Aid welcomed

BRASILIA, July 21. (AP): A top West German official said his country wants to end confrontation over the environment and instead find practical ways to save the Amazon rain forest.

Jürgen Warnke, West Germany's minister of economic co-operation, met late Thursday with President Fernando Collor de Mello to discuss a \$151-million donation for conservation projects.

"This is not the time for confrontation, but rather for constructive dialogue and co-operation," Warnke said at a press conference after the meeting.

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Environment Secretary Jose Lutzenberger said Brazil was surprised by the unprecedented offer. He called it "an important political gesture of recognition for the government's positions."

Warnke said he and Collor also discussed the opening of Brazilian markets to imports and Brazil's upcoming debt renegotiation talks. Brazil has a \$14-billion foreign debt, the Third World's largest.

"West Germany is willing to collaborate," he said. "The more the Brazilian government continues to take convincing action, the greater is the likelihood of foreign support."

Scientists estimate about 8 per cent of the 2-million-square-mile (5 million sq km) wilderness has been destroyed by ranchers and farmers. The burning adds to the greenhouse effect, in which trapped gases from tree burning, autos and manufacturing prevent heat from leaving the earth's surface, causing global warming.

Lutzenberger, an acclaimed ecologist, said the West German money could be used for reforestation projects in the northern Carajas region, where a huge, open-pit iron-ore mine has damaged the forest.

Another possible project is to teach peasant farmers in Rondonia, an Amazon state hurt by rapid development, how to recover the soil with natural fertilisation.

"By teaching techniques of organic farming we give these people and the environment a real chance," Lutzenberger said.

There are no data on how many people are suffering from mercury poisoning in the Brazilian Amazon, where about half a million men are digging for gold.

Malm said part of the problem was that many of the symptoms of mercury poisoning are the same as those for malaria, a major scourge in the region. Both mercury and malaria can cause fevers, diarrhoea, kidney problems, loss of memory and nervous disorders.

Nor are there precise data on how much mercury has entered the environment. Scientists use the rough rule of thumb that for every tonne of gold produced about 1.3 tonnes of mercury enter the rivers and the atmosphere.

Salvadoran rebels, govt should lower expectations: UN

SAN ANTONIO DE BELEN, Costa Rica, July 21. (UPI): The chief UN mediator at the Salvadoran peace talks says expectations of an agreement between Salvadoran rebels and government negotiators should be lowered.

Alvaro de Soto, chief UN mediator for the talks, told reporters after yesterday's opening session that although he hopes an agreement will be reached, there may be no advancement on major issues to end El Salvador's decade-long civil war.

"Let us hope that the sides negotiating will

reach agreements, but we should reduce our expectations," Soto said. "It would be wrong to hope that each time we meet there will necessarily be agreements."

Government negotiators and representatives of the leftist Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN, began five days of talks yesterday at a hotel in the town of San Antonio de Belen, about 7 miles (11 km) northwest of San Jose. Talks were scheduled to resume today.

Roberto D' Aubuisson, an influential

figure in President Alfredo Cristiani's right-wing nationalist Republican Alliance Party, said the main points of dispute in the talks were not up for discussion, making an agreement to end the war seem unlikely.

"The armed forces and the constitution are non-negotiable," D' Aubuisson told reporters in San Salvador. "The FMLN is the one that better incorporate itself into the political process, taking advantage of this opportunity that the government of Alfredo Cristiani has given them."

Handwritten text in Arabic script: "بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم"

Bush accepts \$18b defence budget cuts

Warns cold war's demise no end to dangers of nuclear age

CHEYENNE, Wyoming, July 21, (AP): President George Bush said yesterday he could accept the Senate Armed Services Committee's \$18 billion reduction in the defence budget he proposed for the 1991 fiscal year.

But Bush cautioned Congress not to make extreme cuts in military hardware to accommodate friendlier superpower relations and budget constraints.

"The Soviets know what deters and so does this president," said the president, speaking at the nation's MX missile arsenal.

Addressing cuts the committee made in his proposed defence budget last week for the year that starts Oct 1 — from \$307 billion to \$289 billion — Bush said:

"I'm asking Congress to hold the line at the

already-painful reduction in the defence budget set down by the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"There were some positive things from the committee, especially their support for strategic modernisation, as well as some other actions, on the other hand, that cause me problems."

He did not elaborate on the "problems" except to say he would like more latitude in making personnel cuts that the committee proposed.

Although Bush said he objected to several steps taken by the Senate panel, he apparently decided to embrace the committee's position as the least distasteful.

Bush also asked Congress to give him more leeway in spending defence money, rather than detailing how the funds must be spent.

"The deeper and more painful the cuts in the

defence budget, the greater is my need for flexibility from the Congress in order to manage these funds," he said.

In the House of Representatives, the Armed Services Committee will begin drafting a defence bill next week with a \$283 billion ceiling — less than the Senate panel's version.

Before speaking, Bush received a private tour and briefing at Warren Air Force Base, where the nation's 50 MX missiles are stored.

Today, Bush will fly to Newport News, Virginia, for the dedication of the nation's newest aircraft carrier, the George Washington.

Bush's proposal to deploy the missiles, each tipped with 10 nuclear warheads, on rail launchers has encountered stiff resistance in Congress. The Senate

Armed Services Committee last week voted to reject the bulk of Bush's request for more than \$2 billion for the programme.

While saying he realised there would be a cut in defence spending, he recommended a gradual reduction.

"As we strive for strength and stability, we must maintain an effective deterrent, especially in the face of continuing across-the-board modernisation of the Soviet strategic forces," Bush said.

The MX, a weapon with a controversial past and uncertain future, is a backbone of the US adherence to mutual assured destruction, the doctrine that the United States and Soviet Union will not resort to nuclear war as long as each knows the other would be capable of massive retaliation.

US' liberal judge retires

Oldest and most senior

WASHINGTON, July 21, (Reuters): The US Supreme Court's leading liberal judge resigned yesterday, virtually assuring conservatives even greater power to restrict abortion rights and limit actions to redress racial discrimination.

The departure of Justice William Brennan, at 84 the oldest and most senior among the court's nine justices and a leading liberal for 34 years, gives President George Bush the opportunity to make his first appointment to the high court.

Within hours Bush said he favoured appointing a "strict constructionist" who would give a narrow interpretation of civil and constitutional rights.

This would set the stage for the most conservative high court in more than 50 years and could lead to a bruising battle between the Republican White House and the more liberal Democratic-controlled Senate which must approve the nominee.

The Senate has asserted itself more forcefully in recent years when considering Supreme Court nominees. It refused to endorse Judge Robert Bork, one of the most conservative nominees put forward by Bush's predecessor, Ronald Reagan.

Reagan overhauled the court, appointing conservatives who curtailed abortion, restricted the reach of civil rights laws and gave police broader powers.

A constructionist appointee would give Chief Justice William Rehnquist and the four other right-wing members an expanded majority that could strike down landmark rulings legalising abortion and protecting the rights of criminal suspects.

The Supreme Court is a branch of the US government, along with the Executive and Congress.

Brennan, who said he was resigning for health reasons, played a key role in the liberal majority of the late 1950s and

1960s, writing rulings that expanded the civil and constitutional rights of Americans and made the court an engine of social reform.

His decisions in civil rights cases enforced strict school desegregation plans and upheld affirmative action programmes designed to help minorities and women overcome past discrimination.

"The strenuous demands of court work and its related duties, required or expected of a justice, appear at this time to be incompatible with my advancing age and medical condition," Brennan said in his resignation letter to Bush.

He said he would be leaving the court immediately.

In the term that ended in June, Brennan wrote landmark rulings striking down the federal law that made it a crime to burn the American flag and upheld government affirmative action programmes.

Among possible candidates to succeed him are Solicitor General Kenneth Starr, the administration's top courtroom lawyer, and Utah Republican Senator Orrin Hatch, a staunch conservative.

Reagan appointed conservative Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia and Anthony Kennedy. He also elevated Rehnquist to chief justice, replacing the more moderate Warren Burger.

In a statement accompanying his resignation letter, Brennan said he hoped he would leave behind a legal legacy of protecting the constitutional rights of all US citizens.

"This legacy can and will withstand the test of time," he wrote.

In criminal law, he opposed the death penalty, gave criminal suspects the right to have a lawyer present at police identification lineups and fought efforts to ease restrictions on police during searches.

Another space walk planned

MOSCOW, July 21, (AP): Two cosmonauts who spent arduous seven hours outside their space station on a repair mission will have to make another space walk next week to fix a hatch that wouldn't close, it was reported yesterday.

Cosmonauts Anatoly Solov'yev and Alexander Balandin will make the space walk on Thursday "to put things in order," said Yuri Isaulov, a ground controller at the Soviet mission control centre in Kaliningrad, in an interview with the Communist Party newspaper Pravda.

The balky hatch was the latest in a series of problems to trouble the cosmonauts' six-month mission.

Solov'yev and Balandin worked outside the Mir space station on Tuesday to fix thermal insulation that was damaged during the launch of the Soyuz TM-9 capsule they must use to return to earth.

At the end of the strenuous space walk, which took two hours longer than planned, the cosmonauts could not completely close the hatch when they were re-entering the spacecraft, Soviet media reported.

With their "outside" mission dangerously low and the inside of their suits soaked with perspiration, they were forced to use an emergency porthole on another part of the space station complex to get back inside.

Once inside, the cosmonauts apparently closed an inner hatch to seal one end of the airlock compartment that leads to the troublesome outside hatch.

Isaulov told Pravda that the outside hatch is "slightly ajar," leaving the airlock compartment unsealed.

"This is not a normal situation and we would not like it to continue," he said. "So, we have informed the crew that they would have to make another space walk on July 26 to put things in order."

In their rush, the cosmonauts also left behind some ladders on a work platform where they were fixing the insulation on the outside of the Soyuz capsule. Ground controllers were studying videotapes of the exterior of the space complex to see if that would cause a problem, Pravda said.

The ladders and work platform attached to the Soyuz might hinder the capsule when it separates from the Mir complex, said James Oberg, author of several books on the Soviet space programme, in an interview from his Texas home.



Police, firemen and ambulancemen stand-by outside the London Stock Exchange building after a bomb went off on Friday wrecking the ground floor

but causing no casualties. The IRA claimed responsibility for the bomb. (Reuters wirephoto)

IRA bombs UK stock exchange

Blast to attract publicity without loss of life

LONDON, July 21, (Reuters): The Irish Republican Army (IRA) bombed the London Stock Exchange in an attack apparently designed to attract maximum publicity without loss of life.

The blast yesterday morning was preceded by eight telephone warnings within 20 minutes and all the 200 people in the stock exchange building were evacuated.

The explosion punched a big hole in the 23-storey building and sent masonry and glass crashing on to the street just before the start of the business day, but no one was hurt.

Police said a bomb packed with between five and 10 pounds (two and

four kilos) of high explosive was hidden in a lavatory near the stock exchange's public viewing gallery.

Commander George Churchill-Coleman, head of the police anti-terrorist branch, said the attack was meant to attract the maximum publicity.

"Clearly every terrorist organisation thrives on two things — fear and publicity," he told a news conference.

The IRA, fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland, had come to the conclusion that an attack in mainland Britain attracted much

Armoured cars imported

UK security enhancement

UNITED NATIONS, July 21, (AP): The British Government has imported two armoured Rolls Royces and four armoured Jaguars for its UN mission and Washington Embassy as part of a continuing upgrade of security world-wide, UN sources said yesterday.

A bomb exploded at the London Stock Exchange yesterday after advance warning from a caller claiming to represent the Irish Republican Army, according to news reports.

Earlier this week, a news report said a shipment of plastic explosive from Czechoslovakia had fallen into the hands of the IRA.

"This (acquisition of armoured cars) is in line with

routine British government security world-wide," British mission spokesman J. Stephen Smith said yesterday.

One Rolls Royce was intended for the UN permanent representative, Sir Crispin Tickell, and the second for the British ambassador in Washington. Two Jaguars were sent to New York and two to Washington, UN sources said.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the cars were part of an international security enhancement by the British government.

Previously, the British Ambassador to the United Nations had an unarmoured Rolls Royce.

Labour lead over Tories grows

LONDON, July 21, (AP): The opposition Labour Party's lead over the governing Conservative Party has edged up two points to 13 per cent, according to a new opinion poll released yesterday.

But the national opinion poll found that the Conservatives apparently lost no ground from the July 14 resignation of Nicholas Ridley as trade and industry secretary amid protests over his views on Germany's role in Europe. Those remarks had been made in a magazine interview.

The party's standing, at 37 per cent, remains unchanged from a month ago. This figure is far healthier than the Conservatives' showing early this year, when polls put them a record 23 per cent behind the opposition.

The monthly survey for the Independent newspaper and BBC-2's newsnight programme contained uncomfortable news for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

It showed that if former Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine were Conservative leader, Labour's margin over the Conservatives would be cut to a mere four points. Heseltine is the front-runner to succeed Thatcher as party leader when she decides to step down.

The new findings, compared to last month's figures, are: Labour, 50 per cent (previously 48 per cent); Conservatives, 37 per cent (37 per cent); The centrist Liberal Democrats, 7 per cent (8 per cent); Greens, 3 per cent (4 per cent) and others, 3 per cent (3 per cent).

The poll also showed eight out of 10 voters think the West should give aid to the Soviet Union to help Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev implement reforms.

Thirty-four per cent of those polled said the aid should be sent immediately.

Deploying Star Wars termed premature

WASHINGTON, July 21, (AP): Deploying the first phase of the United States' planned space-based missile defence system in 1993 would be risky and premature because of design problems and inadequate testing, congressional investigators said this week.

The General Accounting Office said the introduction of a concept called "Brilliant Pebbles" has drastically changed the design of the Strategic Defence Initiative, commonly known as "Star Wars," leaving it in a state of flux. And it charged the defence department hadn't adequately tested the system.

The Pentagon in January incorporated into phase I the "Brilliant Pebbles" concept, in which several thousand interceptors would orbit the Earth to seek and destroy a target by smashing into it at high speeds.

The GAO also said detailed tests planned by the Strategic Defence Initiative organisation, a Defence Department agency that oversees Star Wars, won't be completed before President George Bush is scheduled to make a decision on deployment.

The Pentagon plans to spend between \$69 billion and \$87 billion to develop and deploy the first phase of the strategic defence system, designed to protect the United States from a Soviet nuclear ballistic missile attack.

Defence Secretary Dick Cheney has said the goal of phase I was to destroy half the Soviet Union's SS-18 nuclear warheads — 1,540 of the 3,080 currently deployed — and 40 per cent of its other warheads launched in an initial strike against the United States.

The first phase involves seven highly integrated elements, including two space-based sensors, a space-based weapon, two ground-based sensors, a ground-based weapon and a command and control system that would manage the other elements.

But the addition of Brilliant Pebbles dramatically changed the integrated approach of strategic defence and injected a large degree of uncertainty into the programme the GAO said.

"Unless the architecture is stabilised and the respective elements are developed, designed and tested as an integrated system, the Strategic Defence Initiative organisation will not know whether the system will work as planned," the GAO said.

Greeks debate defence accord

ATHENS, July 21, (AP): Lawmakers opened a three-day debate on a new Greek-US defence accord today that is expected to meet the approval of the single-chamber parliament.

The eight-year defence pact was initiated by US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney and Greek Foreign Minister Antonis Samaras in Athens last month but needs to be ratified by a simple majority in the 300-member parliament.

Parliament is scheduled to vote on the agreement Monday night after party leaders sum up the debate.

The accord was agreed upon in principle in May after 17 inconclusive rounds of negotiations with the previous socialist administration and two rounds of talks with the ruling Conservatives who were elected in April.

Sotiris Papapoulos, New Democracy deputy who introduced the bill, told parliament it safeguarded Greece's national interests.

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Bush ratings slipping

Rates poor in domestic issues

WASHINGTON, July 21, (Kuna): President George Bush's job approval rating is showing signs of slipping, with only 50 per cent of Americans giving him the thumbs up in a new poll released here by the national newspaper, "USA Today". This is a marked drop from his ranking of 64 per cent approval in January.

The new poll shows that Bush rates high on matters related to foreign policy, but suffers from poor rating in domestic issues, especially the budget deficit and

taxation. Sixty one per cent of Americans approved of Bush's handling of American foreign policy matters while 74 per cent specifically approved of his dealing with the Soviets.

He scored low — 28 per cent approval rating — on his handling of the American economy.

The survey showed that 59 per cent of those polled predict a second term for George Bush while 33 per cent do not. He gets the nod for re-election from 74 per cent of Republicans.

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Bold step required to finish apartheid

UNITED NATIONS, July 21. (AP) Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said yesterday that bold steps are needed to give momentum to negotiations aimed at dismantling apartheid.

Perez de Cuellar, in a speech to the General Assembly presenting his report on apartheid, cautiously praised South African President F.W. de Klerk for trying to create a non-racial democracy through negotiations.

The assembly postponed action on the report until September.

"What has begun to happen in South Africa," Perez de Cuellar said, "is a process of so fundamental a character that further bold and imaginative measures will be required to ensure its fulfillment."

"Statesmanship and good will on the part of all its leaders are needed to give it momentum," he said.

His report, requested by the General Assembly last December, was based on June visit to South Africa by UN officials, who had free access to both government officials and opponents.

"It (the report) shows that a process towards dismantling apartheid through negotiations has started," Perez de Cuellar said. "But it is still at an early stage. ... political parties and movements are in the first phase of developing their response to the emerging negotiating process."

The UN chief said the South African government's decision to lift a ban on political parties and movements shows that progress is being made in creating a climate for free negotiations with the government.

But he said other vital steps are needed, including the release of all political prisoners and detainees, the end of the nation-wide state of emergency, the repeal of all laws restricting political activity, withdrawal of troops from townships and the end of political trials and executions.

The state of emergency has been lifted in all but Natal province, which is torn by fighting between black rivals. Some political prisoners and detainees have been freed, but others remain in prison.

Many organisations in South Africa, Perez de Cuellar said, expressed concern that violent actions by the extreme right and the continuing conflict in Natal province may undermine negotiation.

He told the delegates free political activity continues to be threatened by security laws and continuing resistance to change on the part of entrenched institutions.

Perez de Cuellar said he was encouraged by De Klerk's stated intention to dismantle the apartheid system and allow a democratic process to develop.

But many people believe, he said, "that until the pillars of apartheid were removed, racial discrimination would continue to divide the nation and the cause of human rights and social justice would not be served."

Political analysts said the agreement to meet again after a two-month break would allay fears that the momentum of the peace process was slowing.

De Klerk opened the way for negotiations on a South African democracy when he lifted most restrictions on organised opposition to white rule and legalised the ANC on Feb. 2.

A week later he freed Mandela, the best-known advocate of black rights, from his 1964 life sentence for plotting to overthrow white rule.

Seventeen black residents of a strife-torn township today ended an overnight sit-in at the US consulate in Johannesburg designed to bring alleged police intimidation to Washington's attention.

The 16 adults and an 11-month-old girl yesterday moved into the reception area between the consular offices and the elevators "to highlight their severe harassment at the hands of police" in Tumabole, 45 miles (70 km) south of Johannesburg, said Tom Letsoenoy of the township anti-apartheid group Tumabole Progressive Structures.

Porter was released yesterday on \$25,000 bail. Jennings' 32-year-old girlfriend and several other people were questioned, and others may be charged, police said.

Police community relations staff went to the neighbourhood yesterday to calm residents.

The attack occurred in a mostly white, working-class neighbourhood in southeastern Baltimore ringed by predominantly black, working-class districts, said police spokesman Dennis Hill.

Two white men in a pickup truck taunted Jennings and his girlfriend as they walked along the street, police said.

Porter and two other white men approached the couple moments later, police said. Porter yelled to the men in the truck, asking if they wanted him to attack Jennings.

A man in the truck yelled, "Yes," and Jennings ran, with Porter in pursuit. Jennings slipped and fell after running a short distance and was accidentally struck by another pickup truck, Hill said.

'Decent people this time must stop the Khmer Rouge'

Last US ambassador urges Western aid to help Phnom Penh regime

PARIS, July 21. (AP) A photograph captured the moment forever. Ambassador John Gunther Dean walking to a helicopter, the US flag under his arm, as Khmer Rouge guerrillas closed in on Phnom Penh.

Dean returned to the Cambodian capital this week for the first time since April 12, 1975. He brought no flag—just a conviction that "decent people" this time must stop the Khmer Rouge.

"Carrying out the flag is something I would not wish to have anybody do," said

Dean, 64, at an informal news conference yesterday. "I would have liked to have carried it back."

Returning from six days in Cambodia, where he met Premier Hun Sen and visited the temples of Angkor, Dean remarked that he did bring one artefact from the evacuation with him.

"I wore the same suit which I wore on the 12 of April," Dean said. "It's a blue suit with white buttons. I wore it when I met with Hun Sen. Now it's a bit tight in certain places."

Dean held 90 minutes of talks with Hun Sen on Monday, two days before Secretary of State James Baker said that the United States will no longer recognise guerrillas fighting the Phnom Penh government.

The resistance coalition includes the communist Khmer Rouge, by far the strongest member, and groups loyal to Prince Norodom Sihanouk and Son Sann, a former prime minister.

The guerrillas have seized hundreds of villages with the onset of the current rainy

season and claim to be within 40 kilometres (25 miles) of the capital.

An estimated 1 million Cambodians died from executions and starvation during Khmer Rouge rule from 1975-78.

"The secretary of state is going the right way, but this should not stop," said Dean, urging the West to provide aid, training and investment to help the Phnom Penh regime rebuild the country.

He cited tourism to the Angkor Temples, presently within Khmer Rouge gun sights,

as a promising industry. Dean retired from the state department last year after a 41-year diplomatic career that included ambassadorships in Lebanon and India.

An impassioned speaker, Dean took part in the Paris talks to end the US military role in Vietnam and engineered a political settlement to the Laotian conflict.

But his failure to find a "controlled solution" to the Cambodian civil war has haunted him for 15 years. He privately flew to

Phnom Penh to assess the situation, saying he is determined to promote a negotiated settlement.

No US diplomat has been posted in Cambodia since the flight of helicopters whisked Dean and his staff to the USS Okinawa.

The evacuation was the culmination of failed American policy that included the secret bombing of Cambodia and tacit US support the coup that toppled Sihanouk in 1970.



A riot policeman blocks with his shield a brick thrown by a radical student as another brick hits his partner during a demonstration at Seoul's Hanyang University on July 19. More than 500 anti-government students and a similar number of riot policemen took part in the clash. (Reuters wirephoto)

Thai government survives vote

Speaker defied

BANGKOK, July 21. (UPI) The Thai government, aided by an opposition boycott, easily survived a vote on a no-confidence motion today, but weak responses to charges of corruption and incompetence by some ministers boosted chances for a cabinet reshuffling.

The six-party coalition government of Prime Minister Chai-Chai Choonhavan won the vote 220 votes to 38, as four opposition parties boycotted polling to protest the House speaker's failure to control a government minister.

The nationally televised no-confidence debate erupted in turmoil Friday night when Chalerm Yubumrung, a member of the prime minister's cabinet, defied the speaker and refused to withdraw accusations against an opposition leader.

Chalerm, instead of answering opposition accusations against him in the debate, accused the opposition leader of tax fraud.

Under parliamentary rules, the accusation was not permitted and House speaker Panja Kesornthong ordered Chalerm to withdraw them.

He refused and Panja did nothing.

The speaker's inaction

sparked the walkout. Today four of the six opposition parties refused to return for the no-confidence vote which they had little chance of winning.

"It is meaningless for us to attend the voting today," said Boontheng Thongsawat, chairman of the main opposition party—the Solidarity Party.

"How can we attend the meeting when the House speaker is so weak and un-neutral. There is a hooligan in the government's side," Boontheng said.

Boontheng said Chalerm's outburst was a calculated tactic to end the debate that was going badly for the government.

Analysts said the debate had damaged several ministers with evidence of corruption and incompetence they were unable to rebut satisfactorily.

The debate raised major questions over a collapsed agreement for advertising on a government television station, the award of a refinery contract, the construction of a government road to property owned by a minister, the failure to provide an effective telecommunications and road system, the granting of private title to government land and a number of irregularities in bids and purchases.

Sabotage threat

Thai embassies on alert

BANGKOK, July 21. (AP) Increased security has been ordered at Thai embassies abroad after a reported threat by a Muslim militant group, local newspapers said today.

The nation said Thai intelligence officials were investigating a report that the group threatened to sabotage the Thai embassy and airline office in Ankara, Turkey if authorities prosecute Shiite Muslims who allegedly started a riot in southern Thailand in June.

"The sabotage threat is considered a matter of grave concern for the Thai government," it quoted the head of the National Security Council, Suwit Suthanakul, as saying.

The letter from a group that called itself the Brotherhood of Martyrs was received by the office in Ankara of a Western news agency, its office in Bangkok confirmed today. The agency asked that it not be identified.

The nation said authorities in Pattani province have issued arrest warrants for 15 Muslims allegedly behind the riot at the Krueze mosque in which a deputy provincial police chief and another officer were attacked.

Massive protest in Seoul

South Korea to open border with North

SEOUL, South Korea, July 21. (AP) Korean opposition groups staged one of the biggest anti-government rallies in recent memory today, drawing an estimated 300,000 people.

"Down with (President) Roh Tae-Woo" chanted protesters as they filed into the streets following the mass rally held by opposition politicians, dissidents and radicals.

Fighting broke out as riot police blocked a column of some 20,000 radical students at a city bridge several miles (kilometres) from the rally site. Protesters ripped up sidewalks and threw chunks of concrete at

There were no reports of arrests or injuries.

The rally in Seoul was the first since Roh's election in 1987 in which disparate opposition and dissident groups joined forces. Organizers claimed one million supporters attended the rally.

Thousands of labourers, housewives, students with red headbands and men in business suits cheered repeatedly as opposition speakers demanded new general elections.

Six car-sized air balloons floated overhead, lowering streamers emblazoned with anti-government slogans such as "Crush Roh Tae-Woo." Radical students painted in red "Punish Roh Tae-Woo" on park roads.

Demonstrators waved hundreds of colourful banners and hundreds of thousands of white South Korean flags.

"Let's strike while the iron's hot," said Kim Dae-Jung, head of the opposition Party for Peace and Democracy. "We must form a new national assembly and hold new general elections."

"Unification of all opposition forces is a call of the era," said Lee Ki-Tae, head of the second opposition group, the democratic party. "Let's make this moment the beginning of a new march for democracy."

Organizers claimed one million people attended the rally, held in a park in southern Seoul.

If the merger of the opposition parties comes off, it would be the first such union in Korean history. South Korea's opposition has always been divided and has never posed a serious threat to the ruling party.

The move accelerated after all 78 opposition lawmakers in the 299-member national assembly vowed to resign to protest the forceful pushing through parliament of several controversial bills, including one designed to reshape the nation's broadcast industry.

As tens of thousands of supporters left the park following the rally, thousands banded together and took over entire streets shouting anti-government slogans and singing solidarity songs. Traffic came to a standstill. Police initially remained mostly out of sight, apparently to avoid violence.

As the march continued toward central Seoul, thousands of uniformed police, wielding interlocked shields, tried to keep the marchers on the sidewalk.

Police cordoned off a bridge to block the march heading toward the city centre. Protesters were dispersed by tear gas after a clash which lasted about an hour.

About 20,000 riot police were deployed at subways and streets in areas surrounding the rally site. Thousands of police were also posted in central Seoul for possible street violence after the rally.

Under Korean law, the assembly speaker can either accept the resignations or refer them to a parliamentary vote.

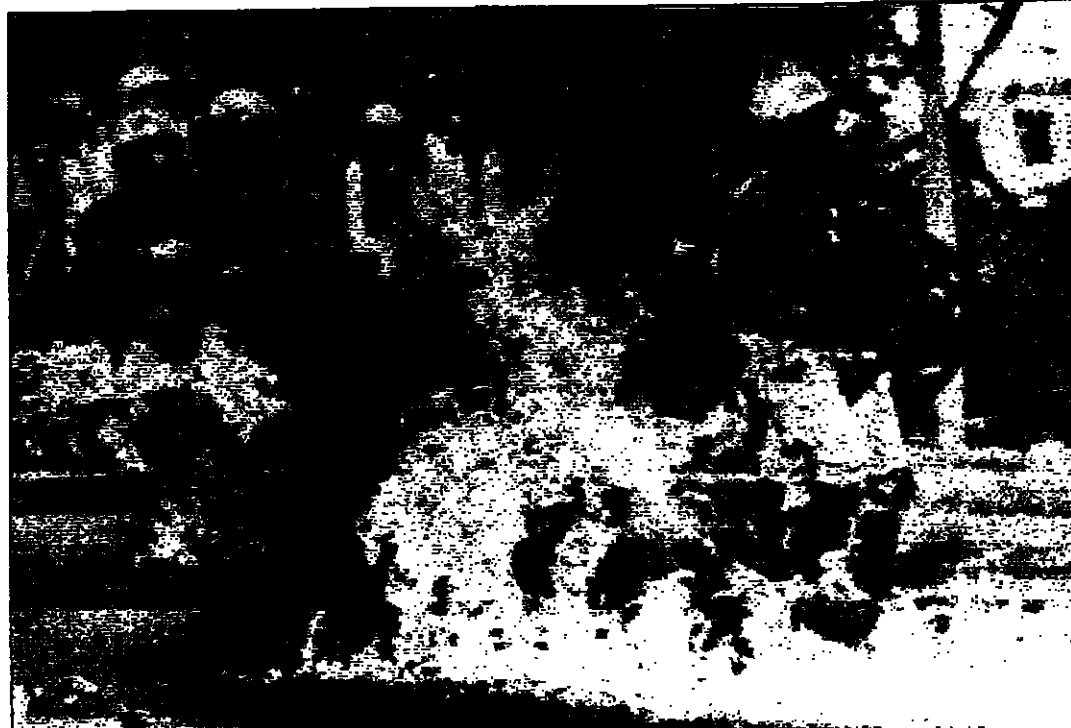
Meanwhile, South Korea brushed aside a northern rebuff and reaffirmed today a decision to open temporarily its heavily fortified border to "free, unrestricted and unconditional exchanges" with the North.

"We must not despair over North Korea's cold response and must plough ahead for an eventual full opening of the northern border," South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo told a cabinet meeting.

police firing tear gas in an hour-long clash.

The rally came a day after the nation's two opposition parties agreed to merge into a party joined by dissidents. They promised to finish the merger before September.

In the southern city of Kwangju, an opposition stronghold, police firing tear gas from armoured vehicle stormed Chonnam university to break up an anti-government rally by about 1,000 students and dissidents, news reports said.



Riot policemen leap out of a fire caused by a radical student's petrol bomb during a demonstration in Seoul on July 19. More than 500 students clashed with police at Hanyang University during this anti-government protest. (Reuters wirephoto)

Kim meets family members

North Koreans allowed access

SEOUL, July 21. (AP) A woman convicted and pardoned for her role as a terrorist for North Korea met South Korean family members today in an emotional encounter.

The meeting of 28-year-old Kim Hyun-Hui with a half-dozen distant relatives she said she had never

met illustrated the division of Korea and the plight of separated family members.

Some observers felt it also could be a government attempt to divert attention from domestic political problems and heighten the emotional appeal of President Roh Tae-Woo's call for unrestricted travel between the Koreas.

On Friday, Roh said South Korea would open its border for five days in August to allow North Koreans unrestricted access to South Korea. North Korea responded with a list of conditions including release of political prisoners, dismantling of border barriers and repeal of anti-communist laws.

The meeting was held at a news conference arranged by a government-funded association for North Korean refugees who settled in the South after the Korean war.

Ms Kim, tears rolling down her cheeks, told relatives she last saw her grandmother in North Korea's capital of Pyongyang in 1987 before she departed on a terrorist mission under orders from the communist government.

Ms Kim was born in North Korea and remained there.

Ms Kim was convicted and sentenced to death for her role as a North Korean agent in the 1987 bombing of a South Korean airliner over the Andaman Sea near Burma. All 116 people aboard were killed.

She was pardoned earlier this year on grounds she was duped by North Korean communist agents and had repented for her actions. Although released from prison, she reportedly retains government guards and lives at a safe house.

Kim (left) meets her uncle. (Reuters wirephoto)

Ceausescu aides' trial suspended

Judge dropped from Romanian case

BUCHAREST, July 21. (Reuters) The genocide trial of 24 Romanian communist leaders adjourned soon after it began today when defence lawyers complained the presiding judge tried dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

Bucharest's top military court met and agreed to drop judge Ion Nistor from the military tribunal trying the 24 after lawyers argued he could not hear another genocide case. The trial will resume on Monday, Romanian radio reported.

"He has already signed a sentence and has been involved in a similar trial. He cannot be objective any more," said lawyer Nicolae Cerveni, who is defending party veteran George Radulescu. Radulescu, 76, was too ill to appear in court.

Ceausescu and his wife Elena

appeared before Nistor and other judges in a secret trial after the uprising abolished the death penalty.

Many of the 100 spectators in court gasped with astonishment when Nistor suspended proceedings and walked off the podium with the other four other judges and military representatives.

The 21 defendants at the tribunal, including former foreign and finance ministers, top party ideologists and mayors, filed out of the heavily-guarded courtroom through a crowd of family members and well-wishers.

Stefan Andrei, 59, a foreign minister for more than 10 years, embraced his actress wife, Violeta.

Former finance minister, Paul Niculescu-Mizil, 66, looked around smiling broadly and gave

a thumbs-up sign. Some looked relaxed, others pale and drawn.

The powerful head of the National Council of Women, Ana Muresanu, 64, looked in pain as she limped out of court supported by former presidential secretary Silviu Curticeanu.

Top party ideologist Dumitru Popescu, 62, nicknamed "the god", walked stiffly with a flicker of a smile on his face.

Earlier, the 21 stood in the dock under the sweltering heat of blinding television lights to give their names, ages and last job. Former politburo member Ion Radu, 56, wearing a well-cut cream jacket, complained that he had suffered inhuman treatment in prison.

He also objected to what he called the "popular indictment" but was ordered repeatedly to sit down.

Gorbachev faces fresh problems

Kremlin leader tries to sell new union treaty

MOSCOW, July 21, (Reuters): President Mikhail Gorbachev faces fresh problems on three fronts — renewed ethnic violence, demands for a better sovereignty deal by some Soviet republics and ways of introducing a market economy.

Amid clashes in the south and more secessionist rumblings in the Baltic north, Gorbachev appeared to run into trouble on Friday when he tried to sell a new union treaty to leaders of the 15 Soviet republics at a day-long Kremlin meeting.

Rafik Nishanov, chairman of one of the two houses of parliament, reproached some of the republics during the meeting for failing to trade. There has been little interest in signing sweeping new deals with the Kremlin.

Prunskiene said Lithuania hoped for a bilateral treaty with Moscow that would regulate issues such as Soviet troops in the republic. She hoped for a solution as in East Germany, where Soviet troops are expected to leave in three or four years.

She said that in a separate meeting with her, Gorbachev indicated the Kremlin was ready for immediate negotiations with Lithuania on its future status.

The republic declared its independence from Moscow on March 11 but has agreed to freeze the declaration from the start of any talks.

Presidents of the three Baltic republics — Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia — refused to take part in the Kremlin talks.

They all sent deputies instead. While Gorbachev met Prunskiene separately, he refused to meet the Latvian and Estonian representatives, the independent Estonian News Service (ENS) reported.

It said Estonian representatives felt Gorbachev was ignoring Baltic wishes in pushing ahead for the union treaty.

"You do not even know how good the new Federation will be. You will like it," ENS quoted Gorbachev as telling the Baltic representatives.

In Washington, Latvian Prime Minister Ivars Godmanis met US Secretary of State James Baker and said he believed his republic would soon win independence from the Soviet Union.

The second high-ranking Baltic official to meet Baker in two days, Godmanis echoed the words of Estonian Foreign Minister Lennart Meri in insisting that Moscow negotiate with all three Baltic republics together.

The Kremlin session also focused on the government's plans — repeatedly postponed — for a transition to a market economy, Tass said.

Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov went on national television to seek support for the change, announcing a pay rise for seven million teachers and health workers.

But Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin's rival plan for a market economy — dubbed the "500 Day Confidence Mandate" — was also released by Interfax. It called for guaranteed private property rights in the first 100 days.

Meanwhile unrest continued in the Soviet south and Central Asia.

Police hunted an Azerbaijani man after five people were killed and 10 wounded in an explosion on a train near the Black Sea. In Armenia, nationalists stole weapons, shot at and set fire to government offices.

declare they would sign the new treaty, the independent news agency Interfax reported.

And Lithuanian Prime Minister Kazimiera Prunskiene told Reuters she declared at the Kremlin session that her rebel republic would not sign a treaty that made it part of the Soviet Union.

Gorbachev has proposed a new union treaty as a way of devolving central Kremlin authority to the republics, hoping to accommodate the demands of many of them for more sovereignty from Moscow.

But republics such as the sprawling Russian Federation and Lithuania are already exploring separate agreements with each other on



Uzbek women demonstrate near a statue of Lenin. (Reuters wirephoto)

7m Soviets to get higher pay

Yeltsin to free prices

MOSCOW, July 21, (Reuters): Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov, seeking support for his sluggish economic reform programme, announced a pay rise for seven million Soviet teachers, nurses and other workers yesterday.

A television broadcast to the nation came as details of a rival reform programme of popular radical Boris Yeltsin emerged, including a major privatisation drive and freeing of prices.

Ryzhkov said he was concerned by the low salaries of workers in education, health, culture and the social services and had signed a decree to raise their incomes from January 1.

He gave no figure, but said it would affect seven million people, including 2.6 million in health sectors, 2.7 million in education and one million in cultural areas.

Doctors and teachers have traditionally been paid lower salaries than manual workers in heavy industries and far less than their counterparts in the West.

The government's failure to put more goods on shop shelves has caused many Soviet consumers to rally round Yeltsin, the country's most popular politician, who was elected president of the giant Russian Federation in May.

Yeltsin's programme, the most detailed exposition yet on how he hopes to revive the republic's economy and delivery goods to consumers, was published by the independent press service Interfax on Friday.

Called the "500 Day Confidence Mandate", it will have four stages over 18 months.

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Soviets ready for talks on secession

MOSCOW, July 21, (AP): Lithuania's prime minister says formal talks on secession with Soviet officials could start next week, a month after the Baltic state agreed to freeze its independence declaration.

"I would say that our dialogue now is taking place in a very calm tone," Prime Minister Kazimiera Prunskiene told the Interfax news agency in an interview yesterday.

Lithuanian officials could start negotiations next week, "and the Soviet side is ready for this," she was quoted as saying.

Lithuania on June 29 agreed to place a 100-day moratorium on its March 11 declaration of independence when negotiations formally begin with Soviet officials.

The Kremlin then halted an economic embargo that had shut off oil shipments, most natural gas and many other manufactured goods and raw materials.

The Soviet negotiating team will be led by Prime Minister Nikolai I. Ryzhkov and State Planning Commission chairman Yuri D. Masluykov.

Mrs Prunskiene said she and another Lithuanian official, Bronius Kunzickas, had a "short and concrete" conversation with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday after a joint meeting of the presidential and federation councils to discuss economic reform and a new treaty between the Soviet republics.

She said both sides expressed the desire "to start negotiations, and strive for a convergence of positions in order to sign an agreement."

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union's parliamentary leadership called on Lithuania and its Baltic neighbours, Latvia and Estonia, for "responsibility and common sense" in an appeal on the 50th anniversary of their joining the Soviet Union, Tass said.

The appeal recalled the World War II struggle against Hitler, and said that Gorbachev's reforms have given the Baltics and the entire Soviet Union a unique chance to rebuild their relations.

"For the first time we have the chance to build our joint coexistence, in a democratic and good-neighbourly way, so that every nation can take full advantage of the peaceful and stable security," said the appeal from presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

Germans mark famous 'attempt on Hitler' 'Justice ahead of obedience'

EAST BERLIN, July 21, (AP): East Germany's defence minister told a batch of army recruits yesterday to put justice ahead of blind obedience and remember the officer who once tried to kill Adolf Hitler.

Germans in both nations commemorated the 46th anniversary of a famous attempt on the Nazi dictator's life.

Rainer Eppelmann, a clergyman and pacifist who is now defence minister in East Germany's new democratic government, used the anniversary to make a point as he swore in 400 new soldiers.

He told them not to let unthinking obedience to authority dull their sense of right and wrong. He said "soldiers should reconcile the need for order and obedience with law and conscience."

With that, members of the National People's Army stand in the tradition of the men who opposed the Nazi dictator," he said.

Eppelmann, at a ceremony in the city of Strausberg just outside Berlin, swore in the first batch of army recruits to be asked to defend democracy, rather than communism.

The traditional pledge of the People's Army was rewritten to reflect the democratic revolt that overthrew the Communist government last autumn.

The July 20, 1944, attempt on Hitler's life was supported by a group of high-ranking German officers, some of whom had earlier supported the dictator.

It came after the German Army had suffered several military reverses during World War II.

Col. Claus Schenk von Stauffenberg, a German count, put a briefcase containing a bomb at Hitler's feet during a conference, then went outside the headquarters room to answer a pre-arranged phone call.

Another officer then inadvertently moved the briefcase because it was in his way. It was placed behind a partition that shielded Hitler from the blast. He survived and staggered from the rubble.

The attempt was one of several made on Hitler's life, but it was the one that came closest to success.

In East Berlin, lawmakers stood up in a salute to the would-be assassins.

"The heritage of these men and women of July 20 should oblige us to fight dictatorships in every form, to keep peace in Germany and Europe forever," said a declaration endorsed by all parties in Parliament.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl also praised the assassination plotters in a statement from the West German capital, Bonn.

"The men and women of the German resistance gave in dark times a shining example of their unshakable yearning for freedom," he said.

Hitler killed himself in 1945 as Allied troops marched on Berlin. Nazi Germany was divided and now East Germany and West Germany are preparing to unify in December.

Kohl sought to put the anniversary in a historical perspective of German unification.

"Forty-six years after July 20, 1944, we are entering a new epoch in the history of our nation," he said.

East Germany's fragile coalition government faced a renewed crisis yesterday, openly clashing in Parliament over a decision to hold separate or all-German elections at the time of German unification.

Waldheim was anti-Nazi

BONN, July 21, (Reuters): A West German newspaper has defended Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, ostracised world-wide because of his service under Hitler, saying he was in fact anti-Nazi and a one-time member of an Austrian resistance group.

"I have tracked it down and got something different from what (World Jewish Congress president Edgar) Bronfman and others have been telling the world," Oswald Lewinter, editor-in-chief of the magazine Semit, told Reuters on Friday.

The WJC has headed the campaign against Waldheim, who has been barred from entering the United States on the basis of his World War II record as a German Army officer.

Lewinter, whose magazine is publishing a six-part probe into the Waldheim case, said in an interview that he had spoken to Waldheim's former schoolfriends and army colleagues.



Big white wall is set on Potsdamer Platz in front of Reichstag building in East Berlin as scenery for rock show 'The Wall'. (Reuters wirephoto)

New Berlin Wall

Concert to raise fund for victims

EAST BERLIN, July 21, (AP): Berlin is getting a new wall on a place where the old one went down, complete with new searchlights, towers — and an inflatable pig.

The wall the lights and the pig are all part of the props for a rock concert tonight on what was once a notorious "death strip" between East and West Berlin.

The heavily promoted outdoor spectacle is being held to raise money for victims of disasters and is a performance of Pink Floyd's 11-year-old rock epic, "The Wall."

The record, made into a movie in 1982, is about alienation and the manipulation of the minds of individuals by governments, but not specifically about the Berlin Wall.

There will be a wall, however: a 600-foot (182-metre) long and 60-foot (18-metre) high structure made of 2,500 styrofoam bricks that will come crashing down at the concert's climax.

The concert also will feature a six-storey inflatable pig and an equally large teacher, two characters in Pink Floyd's atmospheric, other-worldly music.

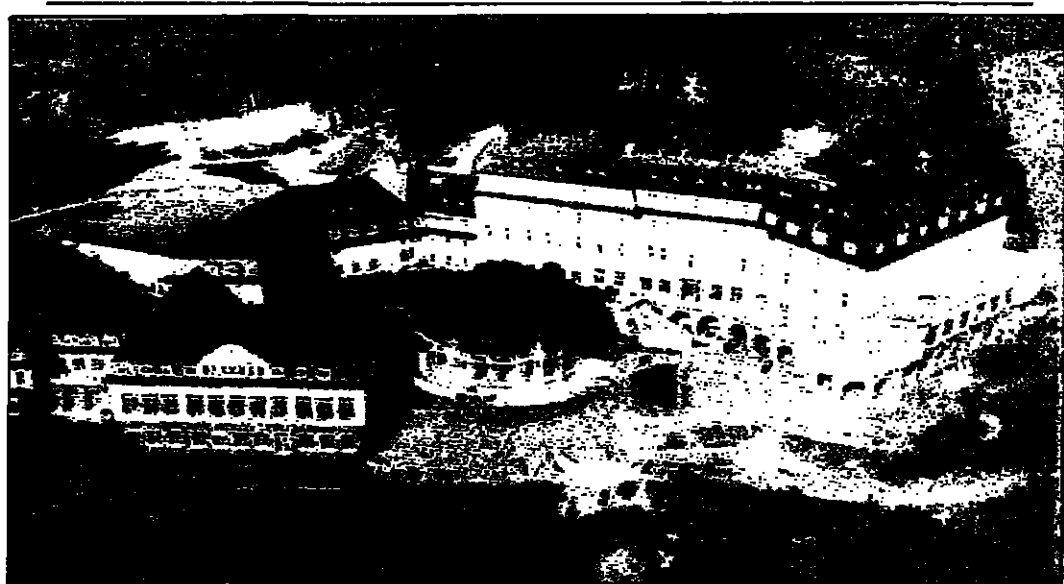
The concert will feature Roger Waters, a Pink Floyd founder who composed "The Wall" but has since left the group for a solo career.

Other performers include Joni Mitchell, Cindy Lauper, James Galway, Van Morrison, Sinead O'Connor, Thomas Dolby, Albert Finney, model Jerry Hall, the Chieftains, the Scorpions, the Hooters and the East Berlin Rundfunk symphony orchestra and radio choir.

Workers for weeks have been building the stage on 35 acres of Potsdamer Platz, the historic square of old Berlin that was converted into a desolate no-man's land by the building of the Berlin Wall.

All of the Berlin Wall at Potsdamer Platz has been torn down in the last few months in anticipation of the unification of the German states in December.

The stretch of land between the two sections of wall, where East Germans were once shot and killed while fleeing to the West, is expected to hold about 180,000 concert-goers tonight.



New guest house

The West German government on Friday inaugurated a new, \$78 million official guest house in Bonn, (picture) which it might never use if Berlin becomes the capital of a unified Germany.

"No matter how the question on the future capital will be decided, I still think it is commendable that we have a hospitable house in this beautiful landscape for our state guests," said Construction Minister Gerda Hasselfeldt.

She made the comments as she led journalists on a tour of the huge Petersberg residence, perched on one of the seven wooded hills which overlook Bonn and the River Rhine.

She said the West German government spent 128.6 million marks (\$78 million) to turn what was a 122-year-old private hotel into a government guest house.

Kohl close to goal

Chancellor of united Germany

BONN, July 21, (AP): In one of the most extraordinary political journeys of modern times, Helmut Kohl has shaken off his image as a plodding, unimaginative politician and positioned himself to become the first chancellor of a reunited Germany.

The road has not been smooth. As his ratings have risen and fallen over the years, Kohl has been written off by critics so many times that his survival as chancellor seems almost miraculous.

But early last week, the portly conservative proved what his supporters long maintained. He is a patient and skillful bargainer, an ambitious man with an even more ambitious vision for Germany.

At a meeting in the Soviet Union, Kohl won Mikhail Gorbachev's approval of NATO membership for a united Germany and the promise to withdraw all Soviet troops from East Germany by 1994.

The agreements cleared the biggest obstacles to German unification, which can now be sealed in all-German elections in December.

Germany, divided for 45 years of cold war animosity, will have nearly 80 million citizens after unification and be the most powerful, prosperous nation in Western Europe and a high-stakes player in global politics.

The diplomatic coup, Kohl acknowledged, was a high point of his career.

"This day, these 24 hours, belong to the most important experiences of my life," the jubilant chancellor told reporters after returning to Bonn.



Kohl during a news conference.

Newspapers across the country's political spectrum hailed the deal.

The mass-circulation Bild, while usually a government supporter, went a step further Wednesday in proclaiming, "The world is astonished at Kohl — Adenauer and Brandt outdone."

Konrad Adenauer was West Germany's first chancellor, who led the country from the ruins of World War II to democracy and membership in the Western alliance. Willy Brandt, chancellor from 1969-74, won a Nobel peace prize for formulating "ostpolitik," West Germany's rapprochement to the East.

Even Kohl's political opponents congratulated the Christian Democratic Union leader, including Oskar Lafontaine, the opposition Social Democrats' candidate for chancellor in the next elections.

Kohl's public opinion rating has surged. The latest poll, by the

research institute Infas, said an unprecedented 61 per cent of 800 West Germans polled supported Kohl as chancellor.

"I think it was statesmanship at its best," said Klaus Becher, a foreign policy analyst for the private, non-partisan German society for foreign affairs in Bonn.

"The magnitude of what he has done is miraculous," echoed Hans Binnendijk at the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies. "Part of it was, I suppose, being at the right place at the right time... but being there at the right time, he made the most of it."

Kohl, 60, has seldom had such moments of political eloquence since taking office.

He frightened Poles and worried allies earlier this year by playing to conservatives at home and not immediately assuring the inviolability of Poland's western border. One-third of Poland is former German territory, and Poles feared possible German revanchism.

Both German states have since vowed to respect the border and sign a treaty guaranteeing the frontier after unification.

In a 1986 interview with the US magazine Newsweek, Kohl caused an uproar when he likened Gorbachev's public relations skills to those of the infamous Nazi propaganda minister, Joseph Goebbels.

And he stirred international controversy in 1985 when he invited former US president Ronald Reagan to Bitburg to visit a war cemetery which included the graves of 49 Nazi SS soldiers.

Election likely delayed until next week

SOFIA, July 21, (AP): Bulgaria's parliament met today to begin the process of electing a new head of state to replace President Petar Mladenov, who led Bulgaria's peaceful transition from hardline communism, but who resigned two weeks ago under a cloud.

The grand National Assembly, which was elected this year in the first free elections in 38 years, quarreled extensively over procedure and over whether Mladenov's resignation had to be voted on. Later in the day, the deputies began asking questions of the three presidential candidates.

Several deputies said they expect the voting to be held next week. Some suggested that none of the candidates will get the necessary two-thirds majority.

The Socialist Party — the renamed communists — hold 211 seats in the 400-member parliament. The United Democratic forces opposition coalition has 144, the mainly Turkish movement for rights and freedoms has 23 deputies, and the mainstream agrarians have 16.

Mladenov stepped down after experts confirmed the authenticity of a videotape on which he was heard to call for the use of tanks to disperse anti-government demonstrators on Dec 14 last year, about a month after Mladenov led the ouster of communist strongman Todor Zhivkov and started introducing democratic reforms.

The socialists have proposed Chavdar Kyuzanov, 69, for the presidency.

China and Soviet Union sign pact

Chinese and Soviet officials yesterday signed agreements to protect investment in each other's countries and avoid double-taxation for their nationals, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

The agreements were signed at the end of a six-day meeting of the Sino-Soviet economic, trade, scientific and technological co-operation committee.

Chinese Vice Premier Yao Yilin and his Soviet counterpart, U. D. Masluykov, signed a memorandum for the session, Xinhua said. Its contents were not disclosed, nor were details of the other agreements. It was the committee's fifth session. (AP)

Radical reformer sues party: One of the leaders of a radical reform group is suing the Communist Party for firing him after he announced that he was quitting to help form an independent party, Tass said Friday.

Vyacheslav Shostakovskiy asked Frunze district court to protect his "professional honour and human dignity" in a suit filed against Moscow's Communist Party organisation. Tass said. (AP)

Havel to meet Waldheim out of respect for Austrian nation

PRAGUE, July 21, (AP): Czechoslovak President Vaclav Havel has confirmed his decision to meet with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim on July 26 "out of respect for the Austrian nation," the official news CTK agency reported.

Havel was strongly criticised in both Czechoslovak and Austrian media for his plan to be keynote speaker at the annual festival in Salzburg, Austria, and meet with Waldheim, who has been internationally shunned for his wartime past.

West German President Richard von Weizsaecker plans to meet with Waldheim at the same time as Havel, and is receiving criticism from the German Jewish community.

Heinz Galinski, head of the German Jewish Council, said on Thursday he is "shocked" by Weizsaecker's impending visit with Waldheim.

Weizsaecker's office said on Wednesday that he would be meeting Waldheim with Havel. West German diplomatic sources stressed at the time it would be a strictly

private visit. No change in those plans has been announced.

On July 18, representatives of Charter 77, Czechoslovakia's dissident movement co-founded by Havel, asked him to reconsider his visit or give the reasons that led him to make "such a serious step."

"I have thought about the dramatic situation for a long time and considered all its aspects. The result of my deliberations is the decision to go to Salzburg," Havel said in his answer to Charter 77, as carried by CTK.

World News Roundup

Arrested

Dual addictions: Heroin is making a comeback in the United States as the cocaine epidemic rages on, creating dual addictions and increasing the potential for spreading the AIDS virus, a published report said Saturday.

The New York Times cited interviews with researchers, clinicians and law enforcement officials suggesting an increase in heroin use is most pronounced in New York, where an estimated 200,000 of the country's 500,000 addicts live.

But, the newspaper said, the drug also is finding its way into the drug cultures in Washington, Baltimore, Detroit, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego and Seattle, according to specialists.

Two generations of young people were scared off heroin, said Philippe Bourgois, an anthropologist from San Francisco State University. "Now cocaine and crack have turned out to be so extraordinarily destructive that people, ironically, end up back with heroin," (UPI)

Parishes suspended: Leaders of two parishes suspended by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for appointing homosexual pastors promised to continue their work and said they may ordain more gay and lesbian ministers.

The ELCA suspended the first United Lutheran Church of San Francisco and the St. Francis Church for five years Wednesday for defying church bylaws by appointing three practicing homosexuals as pastors.

Bishop Lyle Miller of the Sierra Pacific Synod, an ELCA regional court, described the suspensions as "painful" but necessary. (UPI)

To reprimand congressman: The House of Representatives Ethics Committee recommended Friday that Massachusetts Congressman Barney Frank be reprimanded for aspects of his relationship with a male prostitute.

Chairman Julian C. Dixon said the committee voted unanimously for a full House reprimand of Frank, an acknowledged homosexual. The resolution will be sent to the House floor for action next week.

The committee said Frank violated a House rule stating that a member "shall conduct himself at all times in a manner which shall reflect creditably on the House of Representatives." (AP)

Black will serve: Republican Chairman, Lee Atwater, has been leading a brain tumor since March, said Friday that party consultant Charles Black will serve as the Republican Party's chief spokesman until he returns to work fulltime.

Atwater said in a statement that his recovery is going very well. "The doctors tell me that my tumor has stopped growing and is dying," he said.

He said in recent weeks he has become more active in developing strategy and themes for the party, but still must spend several hours a day in physical therapy. (AP)

Soldiers charged for desertion: The army charged six soldiers who left their military intelligence unit in West Germany with desertion and declined comment on a report Thursday the six had gone to Florida on a bizarre mission to destroy the "anti-Christ."

The army was continuing its counter-intelligence investigation of the six, who were being held at Fort Benning, Georgia, but no evidence of espionage or US security compromise was found in the early stages.

"There is no independent evidence—other than the mere fact of their security clearance—to indicate there is any espionage or security-related problem here," Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams said. (UPI)

'Priestess' to be tried: The father of a man killed by a drug-smuggling cult last year said Thursday a pending decision in Mexico to dismiss some of the charges against the cult's suspected high priestess would indicate the power of drug money in Santa Fe, Texas.

Judicial authorities in Mexico recommended Wednesday that federal charges of homicide, illegal detention of private persons and causing bodily harm be dropped against Sara Maria Aldrete.

A spokesman for the Mexico City district attorney's office told United Press International the charges were expected to be dropped Thursday, but that remaining charges would make it impossible for Aldrete to leave prison. (UPI)

Secrecy restricted NASA: Secrecy imposed by the military limited NASA's ability to oversee construction of the mirror that ultimately crippled the Hubble space telescope, the space agency's former administrator testified.

Because Perkin-Elmer Corp. of Danbury, Conn., also did classified military work—presumably involving optical systems for spy satellites—the air force limited the number of NASA employees in the plant where the mirror was built, James Beggs told a Senate subcommittee hearing Wednesday. (UPI)

Dimitrios blesses: Patriarch Dimitrios I, spiritual leader of 250 million Orthodox Christians, blessed an overflow gathering of the faithful Friday, telling the mostly Greek-American worshippers they need never feel like strangers in an alien land.

"Our true fatherhood is not the place where we or our parents were born, but the place where we discovered had begun to live the love of God," the Archbishop of Constantinople said.

Popular Point

US govt runs home for wayward plants

WASHINGTON, July 21. (AP): Hundreds of the world's endangered plants have found a home in a cluster of US government-run greenhouses where they are nursed back from the brink of extinction.

About 25,000 plants, from tiny Indonesian orchids to the giant Saguaro cactus of Arizona, flourish at the US Botanic Garden's 20-acre (8-hectare) nursery in southeastern Washington.

"We keep the Noah's ark of the plant world," said Rob Pennington, superintendent of collections at the Popular Point nursery.

Among the plants in the nursery's two dozen greenhouses on the Anacostia river banks are about 3,000 rare and exotic specimens seized by customs officials at US ports of entry.

The plants were removed from import shipments that violated the convention on international trade in endangered species, a multinational accord that forbids trafficking in a long list of endangered plants and animals without strict certification.

Diseased plants are destroyed immediately. The others are sent to 15 government "plant rescue stations" around the country, including Popular Point, where they are nurtured and bred for scientific study and display at botanical gardens.

There are no man-eating plants in Pennington's collection, but there are extremely rare specimens of encephalartos Lehmannii cyads from the desert region of Africa. These primitive palm-like plants survived the dinosaur era because of their toxic trunk and roots. For centuries, they have poisoned human beings who beat the pulp into bread flour.

Popular Point also acquired hundreds of javanese orchid, a small, endangered orchid from Indonesia, from a grower's shipment that was confiscated in Los Angeles. They had spent six weeks in boxes without light or water. Pennington said it's a miracle that many managed to survive.



Child soldier

A child soldier of Liberia's rebel army stands guard with a World War II vintage Barrett sub-machine gun in the eastern town of Tappia. Junior Gaye said he was fifteen but, like many child soldiers of the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL), he looked no more than 10 or 12. (Reuters wirephoto) Story Page 4

Egil Aarvik

Nobel peace prize panel chairman dies

OSLO, Norway, July 21. (AP): Nobel peace prize committee chairman Egil Aarvik, a retired journalist who sought to use the prize to encourage human rights and pro-democracy efforts, has died in Oslo. He was 77.

Aarvik died on Thursday at Norway's national hospital but officials did not immediately disclose the cause of death.

Aarvik was appointed by parliament to the Norwegian Nobel committee in 1974 and became its chairman in 1982.

Under his influence, the committee began to use the peace prize to award human rights efforts. Some awards angered governments.

Most recently, China angrily criticized Aarvik for awarding the 1989 prize to the Dalai Lama. Tibet's exiled leader.

South African Bishop Desmond Tutu, the 1984 Nobel laureate, told newspapers today that "both the prize to Lech Walesa (leader of Poland's Solidarity union) and the 1983 winner) and the recognition of the church's battle against apartheid were brave decisions that Aarvik has a great deal of credit for."

Aarvik was born Dec. 12, 1912 in the central Norway town of Borsak.

Europe

Radio-TV employees fired: Serbian authorities on Friday fired 194 ethnic Albanian employees of the radio and television company in Kosovo, the troubled province that has been a hotbed of ethnic violence.

Yugoslavia's official Tanjug news agency said that the workers, mostly journalists, were dismissed for "abandoning their jobs" after Serbian police on July 5 took over broadcasting facilities in Pristina, Kosovo's capital. (AP)

Militants convicted: A court has convicted and sentenced to suspended prison terms six militant members of right-wing extremist Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front Party on charges of transporting arms in a car a short time after the desecration of a Jewish cemetery at Carpentras, judicial officials said on Friday.

members of the Front's "service of order" at the party ceremony held at Caen in honour of Joan of Arc, the patron saint of France who Le Pen has sought to adopt, much to the chagrin of the Roman Catholic Church. (UPI)

Ukraine wants gold back: The Ukraine's new parliament is demanding the return of a barrel of gold sent about 270 years ago to the Bank of England for safe keeping. Tass news agency said yesterday.

"This treasure, taking into account interest, should now amount to about \$16 trillion (\$29 trillion) and belongs to the Ukraine," deputy Roman Ivanychuk told the chamber.

The gold was lodged with the Bank of England, now Britain's central bank, by Ukrainian military leader Colonel Pavel Polubotok (1660-1723) before he set out for St. Petersburg for talks with the Russian imperial government. (Reuters)

Honecker too sick to go to jail: Former East German communist leader Erich Honecker, under investigation for murder, corruption and misuse, is well enough to face questioning but not to go to prison, a West German newspaper said yesterday.

Honecker, 77, recovering from cancer surgery at a Soviet military hospital in East Germany, was ousted by his own Communist Party shortly before a "people's power" revolution late last year forced the communists to give up power. (Reuters)

Easy to smuggle grenade: A Soviet journalist smuggled a dummy grenade onto an airliner to show how hijackers could slip easily through security checks, the daily Komсомольская Pravda said yesterday.

Correspondent S. Ilichev said X-ray scanners at the airport picked up a strange shape inside his typewriter and the security guard asked him to open it. But the guard did not look under the casing where the grenade was hidden.

"Open it up. A typewriter? Aha. Close it and go on," he quoted the security guard as saying at the airport in Dnepropetrovsk, in the Ukraine. (Reuters)

Albanians demand to go out: Albanian refugees holed up in a bleak Italian military camp since fleeing Tirana's Stalinist rulers have demanded to be let out to campaign for democratic reforms in their homeland.

"We've had enough. Enough of this isolation which damages our political ideals," said Burhan Kalaja, chief representative of 800 dissidents in the camp outside the Italian port of Brindisi.

Burhan, a 40-year-old surveyor who said he spent 10 years in Albanian jails, told reporters: "We want to go to Rome to protest at the Albanian embassy. If they don't let us we'll find the most appropriate ways to protest." (Reuters)

Former boss re-arrested: East Germany's re-arrested on Friday the one-time boss of the country's trade union movement, formerly controlled by the Communist Party.

ADN news agency quoted the East German state prosecutor as saying Harry Tisch, 63, was accused of embezzling funds from the FDGB trade union federation.

Tisch was arrested for breach of trust a few weeks after the Berlin Wall started being demolished in November, but released later. (Reuters)

Pope urges for new Europe: Pope John Paul II told a crowd of pilgrims yesterday that citizens of the former communist state of Poland have the right to contribute to the building of a new Europe.

The Polish Pope, just back from a 10-day vacation in Italy's northern Alps, made his remarks at his weekly Vatican address, normally held on a Wednesday. (UPI)

UK mining union serves writ: A court acted on proceedings initiated by the National Union of Miners and served writ Friday against the union's president Arthur Scargill and general secretary Peter Heathfield to deny them access to funds donated by Soviet miners during a 1984 strike.

The action followed a high court decision on Thursday that the money—about £1.8 million (\$3.24 million)—should be frozen because of a possible breach of trust by the two officials. (UPI)

Rostropovich to return home: The Soviet-born cellist and conductor, Mstislav Rostropovich, has accepted an invitation to stage Dmitri Shostakovich's opera "Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk District" in Leningrad, Tass reported Friday.

Valery Gergiev, chief conductor of the Kirov theatre, told the official Soviet news agency the production is scheduled for the 1992-93 season.

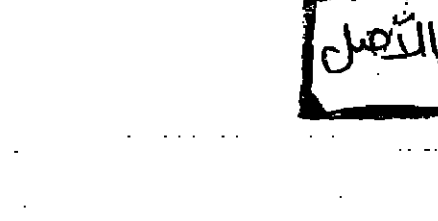
Rostropovich had his Soviet citizenship restored earlier this year and made a triumphant concert return to Moscow in February. His citizenship was taken away in 1978, four years after he and his family moved abroad. (AP)

Heat wave sparks fires: A heat wave near the Arctic Circle has sparked 25 fires in the Tundra around the western Siberian city of Nadym, a gas production centre, Tass reported Friday.

Nadym Mayor Nikolai Kovrigin told Tass firefighters trying to prevent the fires from reaching gas pipelines were hampered by the smoke and by swamps on the treeless plains. (AP)

Explosion in Soviet train: An explosion rocked a Moscow-bound passenger train in southern Russian overnight, killing five passengers and injuring 10 others, Soviet media reported on Friday.

The cause of the blast, which occurred around midnight Thursday between the second and third passenger cars of the train, was under investigation, according to the official Tass news agency. (AP)



Nixon library

Former president Richard Nixon (second from left) is joined by former presidents Ronald Reagan (left), Gerald Ford, (R), and President George Bush while touring the Nixon Library on July 19 opening ceremony. (Reuters wirephoto)



Circumnavigation

David Cowper, 50-year-old British sailor set to sail from Cape Town on Friday on the last leg of a unique 4-year circumnavigation that took him through the Northwest passage between America and the North Pole. Cowper, in his 12 8m twin engine lifeboat is set to enter Guinness Book of Records for the first single handed circumnavigation of the world via the Northwest passage. (Reuters wirephoto)

Asia

Zhao's comeback denied: High-level Chinese sources have denied reports that former Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang is about to make a sensational political comeback after being ousted and accused of backing anti-government unrest last year.

A foreign diplomat yesterday quoted sources close to Zhao's arch-rival, hardline Premier Li Peng, as saying Zhao was still under investigation for alleged support of pro-democracy protests and spitting the party.

Western newspapers quoted US officials in Washington this week as saying that members of a visiting Chinese mayors' delegation had confirmed that Zhao—formerly believed under house arrest—was to be sent on an inspection tour of China.

The question of whether the reformist Zhao, 70, is allowed to make some kind of return to the political arena or kept in obscurity is seen as one of the most crucial issues dividing hardliners and moderates in China's leadership. (Reuters)

Kaifu denies allegation: Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu denied yesterday that Japan is providing financial assistance to China in the interest of Japanese companies.

In a televised interview, Kaifu said that the \$5 billion loan made available to China is not intended to be used in favour of Japanese businessmen, but on the contrary, the loan is for China.

He stressed that Japan's role in the world should not be limited to economic matters, saying that Japan is also qualified in technology and science. (Kuna)

Rocard refuses proposal: Japanese Socialist Party sources said that visiting French Prime Minister Michel Rocard had refused yesterday a proposal to stop French nuclear testing in the Coral Moors islands situated in the south Pacific.

Sources said the president of the Japanese Socialist Party, Takako Doi, had made the proposal during a two-hour meeting with Rocard, where she pointed out to him that the French nuclear testing was having counteractive effects on the island's inhabitants. (Kuna)

Kyi remains under house arrest: Burmese opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi remained under house arrest in Burma's capital Rangoon Friday despite completing a one-year term, diplomats said.

The government put armoured cars and troops on the streets to deter rallies by her supporters. The diplomats said the day passed peacefully, possibly because of the unusually big presence of soldiers armed with automatic rifles. Security was bolstered around Ms Suu Kyi's lakeside compound.

A day earlier, 150 youths marched to the martyrs' mausoleum, shouting for her release and carrying the symbol of her National League for Democracy, which easily won the May 27 election but so far has been denied power by the government. (AP)

Vietnamese to be repatriated: UN and Vietnamese officials have completed interviewing more than 100 Vietnamese boat-people scheduled to be the first large group of displaced Vietnamese to be repatriated from Thailand, officials said Friday.

So far 126 Vietnamese in Thai refugee camps have confirmed their willingness to return home in interviews this week with Vietnamese and

Man arrested

New Yorker tried to extort Forbes

NEW YORK, July 21. (Reuters): A New York man was arrested yesterday for trying to extort money from the late Malcolm Forbes and the Forbes family by threatening to damage the wealthy publisher's reputation, US prosecutors said.

Although the suit did not characterise the alleged extortion, the man, George Warnock, has claimed in the past that he had homosexual encounters with Forbes. Forbes Inc. denied that Forbes and the defendant had ever met.

Forbes, who died February 24 at the age of 70, was the publisher of Forbes magazine, an influential US business journal, and a well-known collector and motorcycle enthusiast.

Warnock, 34, was charged in a federal indictment with three counts of extortion. If convicted, he faces a maximum prison term of six years and fines totalling \$750,000.

He was arraigned yesterday afternoon and released after signing a \$20,000 personal recognisance bond.



Queen Mother

The Queen Mother accompanied by her daughter Princess Margaret arrives at the London Palladium on July 19 to attend a gala performance being held in honour of her 90th birthday. (Reuters wirephoto)

UN officials, said Alexander Casella, representative of the UN High Commissioner of Refugees (UNHCR) in Bangkok.

"We have reached an agreement with the Vietnamese government that they (the refugees) will not be persecuted or punished," he said.

"We will monitor and visit them in Vietnam," Casella said.

Casella said the UNHCR will give each refugee \$50 while they are in Thailand and a monthly allowance of \$30 for ten months after their arrival in Vietnam. (UPI)

Indonesia to build nuclear plant: Indonesian energy officials have signed an agreement to build their country's first nuclear power plant, saying the technology will become an essential power source within 10 years.

Companies from the United States, Japan, Canada and Europe have submitted proposals to build the plant, which will be sited on Mount Merapi on the northern coast of central Java and have a projected capacity of 600 megawatts.

Mines and Energy Minister Giandjar Kartasasmita said an increased need for electrical power by industries in Java and the limited availability of other power sources has made the use of nuclear power unavoidable. (UPI)

Delegation to visit USSR: Singapore is sending an official delegation to the Soviet Union in September to further boost trade between the two countries.

Tan will also attend the first meeting of the Singapore-Soviet joint economic commission, which was set up in February. (Kuna)

Japan develops jacket for cows: A Japanese university professor said Friday he has developed summer jackets to shield cows from the sun, harmful insects and diseases.

Mosaku Sakurai, 61, of the Tokyo University of Agriculture, said the jacket consists of three pieces that cover the head, back and abdomen and are made of unwoven materials like straw.

He said he had developed the jackets after observing cows for more than eight years. The agriculture professor said cows lose their appetites and produce less milk when they are exposed to the hot sun during summer.

He said a black-haired cow's back can reach 60C degrees (140 Fahrenheit) if it is outside for about 20 minutes in summer.

But wearing the jacket, a cow can spend more time eating grass and can produce more milk, Sakurai said.

In addition, the jacket also protects a cow's stomach from getting wet in rainy weather, which cuts down on cows suffering from diarrhoea, he said.

He said the jacket is not yet being produced commercially. (AP)

Africa

Coup soldiers sentenced: A military tribunal has condemned 10 officers to death for leading an attempted coup, Lagos newspapers reported Friday. The trial was closed to the public and the verdicts were not published.

The newspapers said the sentences were subject to review by the armed forces ruling council but 10 wooden stakes had already been set up at Kiri Kiri prison. The stakes were erected on the spot where executions by firing squad normally occur.

Tanks were deployed near the prison and all vehicles passing by were carefully searched by soldiers.

The officers were charged with attacking Dodson barracks, military headquarters and residence of President Gen. Ibrahim Babangida, on April 22 in a bid to overthrow his government. Babangida barely escaped with his life, and his house was badly damaged. (AP)

Kenya condemns leak: Kenya has protested over the leak to a British newspaper of a Scotland Yard police report on the mysterious murder of former foreign minister Robert Ouko.

Police Commissioner Philip Kilongo said on Friday night details of the British detectives' report had been leaked to the Sunday Correspondent newspaper and would be published on Sunday.

Ouko's shot and charred body was found near his home in western Kenya on February 16. His death sparked anti-government riots by students accusing authorities of a cover-up. Some demonstrators accused the government of being behind the murder. (Reuters)

Zambia activists meet: Leading pro-democracy activists held their first legal public meeting Friday and said they want to form an alliance to fight for the end of two decades of one-party rule.

Labour leaders, businessmen, lawyers, academics and at least three former ministers attended the euphoric gathering at a motel outside Lusaka.

The meeting follows the lifting on Tuesday of a ban on multiparty campaigning in the run-up to an Oct 17 referendum on Zambia's political future. (AP)

Unita rebels attack: US-backed Unita rebels attacked a town in northwestern Angola and sabotaged the electricity supply to the capital Luanda, the rebels said Friday.

The attacks were meant to pressure the Marxist government of Angola to sign a cease-fire to end the Southern African nation's 15-year civil war.

The attacks, of a deterrent character, will continue until the MPLA (the Angolan ruling party) halts its offensives against areas controlled by Unita and states its willingness to end the war, a rebel statement monitored in Lisbon said. (AP)

Gabon lifts curfew: Gabonese Minister of Territorial Administration Antoine Mbombou has announced the lifting of a night curfew in the southern province of Ogooué-Maritime and its capital, the oil city of Port-Gentil, officials said Saturday.

However, the military state of siege introduced to prevent rioting in the province remains in force for the time being, according to a statement issued late Friday.

Ten days ago President Omar Bongo's government lifted the curfew in the rest of the country as troubles following the mysterious death May 23 of opposition leader Joseph Rindjambé petered out. (UPI)



A Filipino military cadet warns passerby of the danger of getting near the University of Baguio. (Reuter wirephoto)



A family from the quake-hit mountain city of Baguio flee on foot fearing further aftershocks and food shortages. (Reuter wirephoto)



Clark Air Base paramedics attend to an injured survivor in a makeshift hospital in Baguio city. (Reuter wirephoto)



Thousands of people travel on foot to flee the quake-hit city of Baguio. (Reuter wirephoto)

I'm ...

MANILA, July 21, (AP): President Corazon Aquino apologised today for laughing in public while hundreds of her countrymen were dying in a devastating earthquake.

Last Monday, Aquino and several government officials were taped by television cameras laughing with relief in the immediate aftermath of the quake that shook Manila and surrounding Luzon island. They had just Aquino had been meeting with some senators when the quake struck and they all dived under a table.

Tapping sounds raise hope

British rescue team was in Iran three weeks ago, now in Philippines

From disaster to disaster

BAGUIO, Philippines, July 21, (AP): Miners crawling beneath a wrecked hotel said they heard tapping sounds today, raising hopes there may be survivors from an earthquake that devastated Luzon island five days ago, killing more than 700 people.

More aftershocks rattled Baguio and Manila, 210 kms (130 miles) to the south, delaying rescue efforts and cracking walls of the Baguio cathedral, seismologists said one measured 2 on the Richter scale in Manila and may have been stronger elsewhere.

The official death toll from Monday's quake rose to 767, but officials said it may approach 1,000 because hundreds were feared dead in an industrial park and a remote farming area of Nueva Vizcaya province.

No reports have been received from Quirino province although seismologists believe the quake was probably felt there.

Also today, communist rebels declared a unilateral ceasefire in Manila and the quake-ravaged northern parts of the island. Right-wing military dissidents also offered to declare a ceasefire, but only if the government suspends efforts to capture them.

Rescuers pulled 15 people safely from a bus that had careened off a highway near Baguio during the quake, the tremor had triggered landslides, blocking all roads to this city.

Gangs of armed robbers and looters roamed through Baguio after sundown.

In Manila, President Corazon Aquino defended her government against criticism that aid has been slow.

"There's no sanitation," said Australian John Pike, 44, who was evacuated to Manila today. "The situation is horrible and not much is being done, in a week there might be an

outbreak of typhoid."

Pike said the government's information network had collapsed and most people "don't know where to get information on where to get relief goods or help."

Miner Quilino Bagimbin said he crawled through a tunnel beneath the wrecked Hyatt Hotel and knocked four times against debris blocking access to the basement gymnasium, where about 10 people were believed trapped.

Bagimbin said he heard four distinctive knocks in response. About 40 people remain unaccounted for at the Hyatt, whose terraced front collapsed during the quake.

Another miner, John Dilla, said workers had been hearing the knocks since last night but that they were growing fainter.

Recovery efforts were suspended temporarily today until miners could shore up the tunnel after strong aftershocks rocked the area. They resumed digging and worked into the

night today in a desperate bid to reach anyone still alive.

"We are knocking every so often to let whoever is inside know that somebody is nearby," said Dave Kemp, a British volunteer from Norfolk, England. "It is to let them know somebody is out there. That could be the edge to keep survivors alive longer."

Nearly 30 major buildings in Baguio collapsed or were heavily damaged during the quake, but Kemp said his team believes the Hyatt is the only place where survivors could still be alive.

Jose de Jesus, presidential relief co-ordinator for Baguio, said 135 people were believed to be inside eight factories in the Baguio export processing zone but all are believed dead.

The emergency room of the Baguio general hospital was moved out into the yard to prevent injuries from further aftershocks. Doctors urged the government to speed up the evacuation of seriously injured

patients.

De Jesus said helicopters would fly emergency food and other supplies today to 14 communities near Baguio. Survivors have complained bitterly that the government's rescue efforts were ineffectual, despite claims that massive relief operations were under way.

Radio station DZRH said a group of village chiefs from the Baguio area complained today that food supplies flown to the city had not been distributed to them and that people were suffering from hunger.

"We want to 'thank' the national government which up to now has not sent aid to our villages," said one chief, who gave his name only as Panlillo. "It's all talk."

"Let us not blame others," Mrs Aquino said in a radio address yesterday, her first since the quake. "What we need to do now is help each other."

Defence Secretary Fidel

reading about the group in a newspaper. His first trip was to Colombia where he helped unearth shanty towns buried in a landslide.

Since then, he has worked in Armenia where an earthquake killed about 25,000 people, located victims of a gas explosion in Edinburgh and was in Iran where 50,000 were believed to have died in a quake measuring 7.2 on the Richter scale.

"The devastation there was massive. Whole towns were flattened and you had cases where 90 per cent of the population in a town had been killed," he said.

All members of the squad, made up of doctors, firemen and ambulance personnel, train one weekend a month on demolition sites. They bury members of the team and then rescue them.

Nobody has been hurt in a training exercise. One man was injured in Iran where there was an aftershock of 5.3 on the Richter scale and he was knocked off a roof and needed stitches.

John Howland was fixing a boiler in a yoghurt

plant in Cheshire when he got a phone call to stand by when the British Seismological Institute at Marlow in Buckinghamshire said an earthquake measuring 7.7 on the Richter scale had struck the Philippines on Monday.

"I just went out to buy some cigarettes and a newspaper. When I got back, my wife had taken the call and packed my bag," said Macmillan.

Within 24 hours, 16 people were selected from 33 volunteers, but they were held up for hours in London "because the Philippines wouldn't confirm they needed help," he said.

Then they spent nearly eight hours at a Manila military airport waiting for a plane to take them to Baguio, which was hardest hit by the tremor.

Finally arriving in Baguio three days after the quake, they swept all hotels and school houses which had collapsed and the news was bad.

"It looks as if there's very little chance anywhere," said Graham Payne, an ambulance man from Jacobstowe, Devon, and the team's paramedic.

Ramos, overseeing rescue and relief operations, said landslides killed 83 motorists at Dalton Pass, and 2,000 travellers have been marooned on the road linking the north-eastern provinces to the capital since Monday's quake.

"Many of the people whose houses have disappeared are missing. I believe they are dead," Solana Mayor Epifanio Galina said over a private radio station about the remote towns.

The Philippine earthquake could spur inflation while hurting tourism and agriculture, but may fuel economic growth over the longer term, Finance Secretary Jesus Estanislao said today.

The government lost valuable hours launching rescue efforts after the quake because poor communications meant the cabinet was not told early enough about the scale of damage, he said in an interview.

"I want to explain to you that my laughter was because I was alive along with my colleagues," Aquino said.

Later, Filipinos watched the light moment on television sandwiched between shots of crushed children, shattered buildings and frantic survivors.

"If I offended any of our countrymen because of what happened, I am begging your forgiveness because I did not mean to laugh at this unfortunate situation," Aquino said in her weekly radio programme.

Sorry



Rescuers work at the site of a collapsed cinema in Baguio. (Reuter wirephoto)

KUWAIT ... GULF

Expat population to increase by 4.8 pc in 2015

Kuwait long-range plan forecast

By Jamal Amin
LONG-RANGE plans of the state (1990-2015) forecast an increase in manpower from 888,000 to 1,541,000 workers in 2015 — marking an annual average increase of 2.2 per cent, according to a reliable source. However, the plan envisages that

demand of manpower will be at an average of 3.3 per cent between 1990 and 1995 and 1.5 per cent between 2005 to 2010 and 1.6 per cent between 2010 and 2015.

This year, the source said that national manpower will increase from 14.1 per cent of total manpower in Kuwait to 26 per cent

at the end of 2015 (end of the long range plan).

The plan also expected that the country's needs for expatriates will increase from 763,700 this year to 1,141,000 in 2015.

The plan forecasts that the population of

Kuwait will increase from 2,096,000 this year to 3,442,000 in 2015, marking an annual increase of 2 per cent. Expatriates will increase from 50.4 per cent this year to 55.2 per cent in 2015. Expatriate population will increase from 1,515,000 this year to 2,062,000 in 2015, the source added.

Food production sector witnesses development

Better facilities for farmers

ECONOMY and agricultural statistics control at the General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources published its annual statistical report for the agricultural year 1988/89.

The report is divided into two main chapters. The first dealing with foundation of the authority, its developments, objectives and organisational structure.

The second chapter includes the authority's most important activities and programmes, covering statistics on Kuwait's agricultural sector.

The General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources was established in June 1983. Authority affiliations has been transferred to the Council of Ministers in March, 1988. Since that date, duties and activities of the authority expanded to cover all agricultural utilities and affairs in the country. The law indicated the authority objectives to carry out tasks concerning the development and protection of the agricultural sector which include plants, livestock and fish.

When talking about agricultural production, it becomes necessary to review land area, fit for agriculture, in addition to the exploited and unexploited lands and the nature of exploitation.

With respect to Kuwait, the total area of the state is 17,818 square kilometres. Land area fit for agriculture is estimated at 1,540 square kilometres representing nearly 8.64 of the total area. Despite the fact that the rest of the state area is unfit for agriculture, most of it is arable.

Despite the small size of the area fit for agriculture in Kuwait, most of this area is exploited for pastures and tree-growing. The total area used for that purpose is estimated at 1,360 square kilometres representing almost 88 per cent of the total area fit for agriculture. The rest of the area estimated at 176 square kilometres is planted with vegetables and other crops in places where water is available.

Efforts exerted are concentrated in increasing agricultural production by having larger quantities of vegetables and crops planted in the area fit for that purpose. The size of planted area during the agricultural season 1988/89 was estimated at 13.8 per cent. It increased gradually to reach an estimated 26.9 per cent during the agricultural season 1986/87. This means that the area of planted areas increased from 24,382 donoms to 47,271 donoms. Such statistics point out that despite the small size of the area fit for agricultural purposes, large tracts of unexploited areas are available but require more efforts in order to join the green area in the country.

Planted areas in Kuwait are mainly distributed in Abdali at the rate of 55.7 per cent, Wafra at 26.5 per cent, Sulaybiya at 17.1 per cent and other areas at 0.7 per cent.

Agricultural production in Kuwait witnessed rapid development during the past few years. The season of 1986/87 reached

an estimated of 309.2 thousand tonnes against 145.5 thousand tonnes for 1982/83 agricultural season. With this it is possible to say that agricultural production has increased to more than twice in four years. The relative increase in production of some seasons were large. It reached 36 per cent in 1984/85 season.

Comparing the production of 1986/87 season with 1982/83 agricultural season in each group the largest increases reached a rate of 380 per cent for fruit. During the same period, grains production recorded a 220.6 per cent increase rate, fodder production increased 62.1 per cent. Vegetables witnessed a decline during the same period of 10.3 per cent.

Green fodder and fruit represented 80 per cent of the total agricultural production for the agricultural season 1986/87. Tomato and cucumber occupy the largest agriculture production. Their production reached an estimated of 48.8 thousand tonnes during 86/1987 season, representing 45 per cent of Kuwait's total production of fruit and vegetables.

Production
Meanwhile, Kuwait had a total of 231,000 sheep in 1986/87 season. During the same season the total number of cows reached 23,093 compared with 1982/83 season which had a total of 16,159 cows. The increase in the number of cows was concentrated on milk cows.

Kuwait had a total of 27.1 million chickens in the 1986/87 season. In 1982/83 the total was estimated at 13.4 million. The total number of chicks reached 27.4 million for the 86/1987 season. The biggest percentage of which are locally produced at 84.2 per cent.

Fish production in Kuwait witnessed a decline in 1981 and 1984, but generally there has been an increase since 1980 until 1988. 7,690 tonnes of fish was produced in 1988 against 3,431 tonnes for 1979. Shrimp production in Kuwait was greatly larger in production than fish. The increase in shrimp production between 1980 and 1988 reached 198 per cent against 79 per cent for fish.

The biggest share of professional fishermen production was fish. In the same time companies had the biggest share of shrimp. The production of fish, chicken and eggs in Kuwait was able to achieve the highest rates of self sufficiency among other agricultural sectors. In 1988, fish production in Kuwait was able to achieve 63 per cent self sufficiency fifty per cent for chickens and 48 per cent for eggs.

On the other hand, fresh vegetables production achieved a self sufficient rate of 38 per cent in 1988. The percentage is very high reflecting efforts exerted in this sector to provide for local consumption. Kuwait started to export fresh vegetables in the past two years. Some of these exports entered French and other European markets.

The report indicated that the price of imported vegetables is nearly double that of local

production. Meanwhile, acting director of the Agricultural Products Company, Khaled Al Othman pointed out that agricultural tasks in the country are improving due to experience and new technology. He pointed out that such improvements are witnessed in both production and marketing. Consumers now feel more comfortable than in the past due to expansion in marketing channels to cover several areas in the five governorates.

In an interview with a local daily, Othman stated that the Agricultural Products Company will not stop expansion. The company constantly seeks developing the agricultural sector in both marketing and producing aspects. He added that the company is preparing to receive the coming agricultural season with many plans in order to provide the country with its requirements. He indicated that the coming agricultural season will witness more facilities for farmers to assist them in marketing their products.

Othman indicated that the company has prepared plastic boxes with a capacity of 18 kilograms each for the coming season. He added that such boxes will be used by farmers to pack all their agricultural products. Farmers may also use these boxes in other applications. He pointed out that the company also provided farmers with modified fertilisers and seedlings in preparation for the coming season.

One of the new agricultural stimulants which the company had obtained is the Acripsol material. Othman said that it will cause a revolution in agricultural products. The material will improve production to more than 50 per cent and will upgrade the growth level of plants. Acripsol acts like natural fertilisers in the soil. It is added to water and then sprinkled over plants.

Othman stressed that this form of fertilisers is used for the first time in Kuwait. He pointed out that the Agricultural Products Company is preparing to apply new advanced features in the field of marketing agricultural products. Products will reach consumer without loss of nutrients.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Contract signed

KUWAIT, July 21. (Kuna): Kuwait's Minister of Public Works Jasim Mohammad Al Mousa has signed a KD2 million contract to develop and modernise pedestrians' subways in the Hawalli Governorate.

The ministry's official sources told Kuna today that the project will be completed in 730 days.

Exchange study

LONDON, July 21. (Kuna): An announcement was made here about the setting up of the Bahrain-British foundation, with a view to strengthening links between the two countries.

A statement issued jointly in Britain and Bahrain said that "it is essential for the continued vitality of our long-standing friendship that more young people from Britain and Bahrain get to know each other's country, heritage and culture."

The Foreign Office in London, which made the announcement said "the aim of the foundation is to provide the means for a number of young British men and women each year to undertake advanced study and research in Bahrain, and for young Bahrainis similarly to have an opportunity to learn more about Britain."

"This will add a new dimension to their professional, academic or creative careers, and knowledge of our two countries will be enhanced among the younger generation," the statement added.

Haj committee

THE Higher Committee for Haj Affairs will reportedly hold its first meeting late August to look into transgressions and legal violations committed by haj caravan organisers for this season.

The committee has received four grievances so far, on lack of residential cleaning, crowding, sub-letting and others.

Verified violations will entail a notice or partial retention of the guarantee submitted by the organisers or even revocation of licence for no more than three years or permanently.

Housing contract

THE Minister of State for Housing Affairs Yahya Fahd Al Sumait Tuesday signed two contracts with a local company for the construction, and maintenance of infrastructure on the Qurain Housing Project involving 437 buildings in Block 3.

The second contract involved the construction and maintenance of one group of shops in sector C1 and two others in sector C2, with a total value of KD368,932.502 for a duration of 270 days, while the maintenance will last for 730 days.

The value of the first contract is KD1,897,550,700 and related duration 480 days, while maintenance will last for 730 days.

Dental clinics

THE Ministry of Public Works has recently completed a study focused on building four dental clinics in different areas of the country.

Construction is expected to begin in December of this year and these clinics will be established in Hawalli Governorate (Jabriya area), another at Khaled Ben Al Waleed School in Hawalli and two others will be built in Farwaniya and Ahmadi governorates.

Afghan embassy

THE Embassy of the Republic of Afghanistan in Kuwait has said in a press release that the embassy has put into operation a new telex number (AFEX 30165 KT).

Weather

HOT summer weather with light to moderate variable northeasterly wind.
State of sea: Slight to moderate
High water: 10.48 am
Low water: 5.30 am, 6.54 pm
Sunrise: 5.02 am
Sunset: 6.46 pm
Maximum temperature recorded:
Kuwait: 49°C 120°F
Ahmadi: 42°C 108°F
Fallaka: 40°C 104°F
Minimum temperature expected:
Kuwait: 32°C 90°F
Ahmadi: 32°C 90°F
Fallaka: 32°C 90°F
Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 55 per cent
Ahmadi: 55 per cent
Fallaka: 80 per cent



Beach Protection Campaign

Minister of Health Dr Abdul Wahab Sulaiman Al Fouzan, head of the Environment Protection Council said after he opened the Beach Protection Campaign recently that Kuwait is highly concerned with the recreational requirements of citizens and residents and requested that they protect the country's beaches with the help and co-operation of officials. Another speech was delivered by the campaign head, Jassim Al Shatti who indicated that the campaign will last until the end of August.

The campaign is organised by the Environment

Protection Council in co-operation with five ministries and several authorities. Present at the opening were the general director of the General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Sabah, Assistant Undersecretary for the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour for Youth Affairs, Abdul Rahman Al Mazroui, general secretary of the Environment Protection Council, Ibrahim Al Hadi and a number of concerned officials and citizens.

Gulf-America conference

US-GCC commercial relations to be developed

BAHRAIN will host the forthcoming conference of "Gulf-America Foundation" scheduled to take place in Manama from Oct 14 through Oct 17, a local daily quoted the chairman of Gulf-America Foundation Michel Saba.

He added that such a meeting has been designed to develop commercial relations between the United States of America (USA) and Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) countries. The conference to be patronised by his foundation will be attended by a large number of officials representing governments in addition to a number of chairmen of American companies who will strive to sustain the success realised by the Gulf-America Foundation during the first conference held in Houston, USA in 1988. This conference had resulted in concluding commercial contracts valued of \$200 million.

The forthcoming conference will be attended by 500 officials and businessmen from both sides and it is expected to result in the conclusion of commercial contracts estimated at millions of dollars, Saba was quoted as saying.

He added that he will pay visits to the GCC countries in order to complete the final arrangements of the conference.

Meanwhile, Saba quoted an official at US Department of Energy as saying that a new division specialised in international trade will support Bahrain's conference and a delegation representing this division will take part in the conference. This department will encourage American companies to take part in the conference.

On the other hand, the American official expressed hopes that the Bahrain conference will attain the main objectives aimed at sustaining relations between the American energy companies and GCC countries.

Meanwhile, the daily learnt that one military supplier who had recently concluded a deal for supplying a GCC country with tanks for the amount of \$3 billion will arrange for a reception for the participants of the Bahrain conference. The daily quoted the supplier as saying that this conference will constitute an opportunity for American firms to support its existence in the Arab countries. He pointed out that the holding of the intended reception constituted a sign for the continuity of vital US interests in the region.

On the other hand, the Bahraini Ambassador to US Ghazi Al Qasbi was quoted as saying that his country and the other GCC member states were looking forward to enhance its commercial and economic relations with the advanced countries. The GCC infrastructural projects had been completed and the member states were looking forward to develop this promising area.

The daily reported that the conference will be attended by senior officials including Saudi Arabia's Deputy Defence Minister HRH Fahd Bin Abdullah, Senator James Molkour, the mayor of Houston Catherine Whitmore, the ex-secretary of defence Caspar Weinberger and a number of Congress members in addition to number of GCC and American businessmen and economists.

Set up marketing institutions: economist

PROSPECTIVE changes in the Arab Gulf markets forecast during the forthcoming years, testify to the importance of setting up institutions which should be capable of effectively marketing the output of the region at competitive prices, according to a recent study.

Dr Henry Azzam, head of the economic department at the Bahrain-based Gulf International Bank, the author of the study pointed out that leading corporations will be reluctant to reduce prices and will resort instead to massive outlays on advertising their products to retain their share of the market. He said that this will lead to competition among corporations which will be in favour of consumers in the arena.

The study confirmed the need for conducting research designed to highlight the role of the informational media in the marketing process. The absence of such pertinent data had complicated the marketing process, the study said.

It commented that some pricing companies who had paid little or no concern to the needs of the consumers in the past had begun in the last few years to address this issue at various levels of marketing.

Demand

The study expected that the Gulf consumer in the 1990s will be better placed to select the best consumer goods although demand will increase in view of the population increase in the region. It added that producers will strive to enhance the volume of their sales through paying more concern to wholesale and retail merchants.

The study added that the next decade will provide more investment opportunities in the Arab Gulf markets as these markets will continue to expand in view of the economic integration which is expected to be realised among the GCC countries during the current decade.

The study confirmed that the sales strategy which had been set up by foreign exporters during the 1970s and 1980s is no longer valid with the development during the 1990s. The study said that a viable strategy should focus on defining Arab Gulf peoples requirements, improving products to meet consumers requirements and enhancing demand for respective goods through the information media.

CSC to hire expats on contract only

NON-KUWAITIS, 40-years of age and over are not being appointed in ministries and other government departments as of May, 1, 1990, according to a Civil Service Council decision.

Additionally, the decision stipulates that non-Kuwaitis who are to be appointed should be employed according to private contract in keeping with the terms and conditions predetermined by the council.

The decision of the council identified as 2/1990 comprises the following articles:

1. The appointment of non-Kuwaitis is based on a private contract (fixed salary) which is to be determined by the Civil Service Commission, and the approval of the acting chairman of the Civil Service Council.
2. The employee should be medically fit and between 18 and 40 years of age.
3. The fixed salary is commensurate with the normal scale of the CSC.
4. The ministry or government department has no right to amend any conditions of the contract either at the time of the appointment or when the contract is renewed.
5. The relevant minister or his designate has the right to sign the contract on behalf of the government.

Meanwhile, the circulation of the CSC decision No. 3/1990 determined four conditions for appointing employees in ministries and government departments:

1. The ministry or government establishment should provide the CSC with the following before appointing any employee: Naming the vacant job and the place (department or section) as well as the

number of employees required for the job. This will facilitate the commission to offer the vacant job to other public servants working in other ministries or government establishments.

2. The commission will nominate Kuwaiti applicants to the job, in those cases where no employees from other ministries or departments are available. However if no Kuwaitis opt to take up such employment, the commission will publish such vacancies and call for Kuwaitis to submit their applications.

3. If no Kuwaiti submits an application for the job, the commission, if necessary, will notify the ministry or department about its approval to appoint non-Kuwaitis in the job according to the private contract (fixed payment decision of Civil Service Council No. 2/1990).

4. The commission called ministries and government establishments to provide it with the following to be able to apply the above mentioned regulations easily:

- a) Every ministry or department should provide the commission with detailed requirements from graduates and qualifications in different majors before announcement of results of graduates at university and the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (before end of January, May and September every year) in order to meet these requirements by Kuwaiti graduates.
- b) Every ministry nominates one of its senior officials to be a link between the commission and his ministry to apply the regulations of appointment.
- c) The ministry should not determine or name the non-Kuwaiti it wants to appoint before getting approval of the commission.

Over 1m subsidy in June

IN a statistical report issued by the supply and consumer protection department at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the total subsidy for the month of June was KD1,021,527.

The amount, the report said, breaks down to KD764,630 as subsidy for rice, sugar, vegetable oil and powdered milk, KD84,719 as subsidy for flour sacks sold to traditional bakeries, KD764,630 subsidy for nutrients and baby milk, KD54,105 for construction materials, including steel, concrete and bricks, KD104,223 rental of commodities stores at the Kuwait Union for Consumer Co-operative Societies KD6,296 fees of transport of supply commodities to Fallaka Co-op and KD7,553 rental of store.

The report pointed out that the beneficiaries of the concrete and steel subsidy include users of real estate loans extended by the Savings and Credit Bank, stressing that the amount set aside for subsidising cement amounted to 1,97,903 sacks and steel 1,504 tons with 113 beneficiaries. The report also said that the ministry issued 650 ration cards to 3,510 individuals, adding that the total amount of goldware stamped by the ministry was 3,839 tons, 18,910 silver and 54 sets of precious stones.

KU to make documentary

KUWAIT UNIVERSITY rector Dr Shuaib Abdullah has said that the university is preparing an information documentary about the university, which will be a starting step towards informational development at the university.

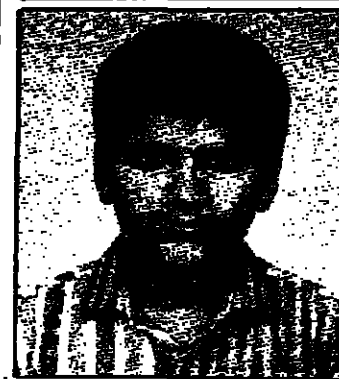
Speaking to a local daily, Shuaib said that the footage will be ready at the outset of the new academic year 1991/92, adding that it would provide a detailed idea about the different specialisations and services offered by the university.

He said that the documentary will be shown in secondary schools, to enable fourth-grade students to get a clear idea of

what specialisation they would choose to work for and enrol in.

He pointed out that local procedures will be required to join in the production of this film, which will include scenes of existing facilities, libraries and other vital academic facilities, and will provide a number of brief interviews with faculty deans.

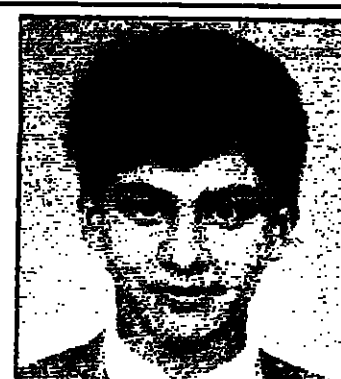
On the other hand, Dr Shuaib said that the university will introduce a new computer information service, with which students could find out about their academic status by calling the computer system and entering their personal student number.



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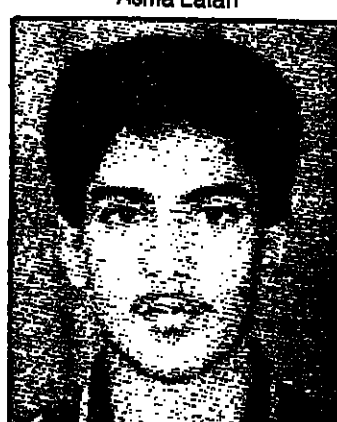
Asma Lalan



Zeeshan Ashraf



Sameera Khalid



Tariq Amin



Mohammed Azam

100pc results for ISP

THE SSC examination result of the International Pakistan School has been declared by the FBISE with the order of the division bench of the Lahore Court, Lahore. The court will decide the affiliation of the school after the summer break. The details of the results are below.

Total admissions submitted 42, Absent 02, Appeared 40, Passed 40, Overall Result 100 per cent. A1 grade 7: A grade 20; B grade 11; C grade 02. Abbas Lalan (741) was 1st in School, 1st in Kuwait, followed by Asma Lalan (717) 2nd in School,

3rd in Kuwait, Zeeshan Ashraf (705) 3rd in school, 6th in Kuwait, Sameera Khalid (704) 4th in school, 6th in Kuwait, Tariq Amin (700) 5th in school, 8th in Kuwait, Mohammed Farooq Azam (693) 7th in school, 10th in Kuwait.

This result reflects the standard of this institution and the efficiency of the teachers. ISP is an institution of very good repute in Kuwait. Every year its students pass this examination with very good positions and distinctions.

قبرستان النجاشي

Six reasons for increased delinquency

Peak levels during summer

THE assistant undersecretary for social care at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour Dr Latifa Al Rujab has said that there are six reasons for increased juvenile delinquency during the summer.

She told a local daily that the reasons include, poor family control, absence of the father from home, lack of useful pastime, ill-advised ways of spending pocket money, blind drive to imitate others, and lack of control over youth gathering in diwanis.

Dr Rujab said that all family members must pay due attention to their children and devise useful means and ways to spend their leisure time while keeping an eye on them and regularly meet with their friends and companions.

She blamed the bad influence of certain companions who wreak real damage on the character of the child, during the lack of parental supervision, and this may be

reason number one for juveniles to stoop to delinquency.

Citing statistical reports Dr Rujab said that 14 thefts were recorded in May 1989, while the number increased substantially during September of the same year along with the number of moral crimes, unauthorised driving, public rows and road accidents.

She said that the increase in delinquency rates is also blamed on the unsupervised

watching of Western crime and action movies, by teenagers which create a dangerous sense of adventure through law-breaking in the mind of the child. This runs counter to social Kuwaiti conventions or Islamic ethics, she added.

The psychological conflict existing in the mind of teenagers between what should be and what they read and hear on uncensored information media, was also outlined by Dr Rujab.



One of the graduates receiving her certificate from Ambassador Tamano (centre) assisted by Mrs Tamano, Sarah Macarimbang (left), Manny Inserto (right) and W.P.J.P. Sirwardhana (extreme right).



Some of the graduates pose for a group photograph with the Filipino ambassador. Picture shows (seated left to right) Teddy dela Cruz, attaché, Sarah Macarimbang, Ambassador Tamano, Mrs Tamano and Manny Inserto, Kapilku president.

Kapilku graduation nite a success

IT was a full house Thursday at Araliya Restaurant during the awarding ceremonies where certificates of attendance were awarded to all successful participants who attended the self-improvement courses or the free classes (hair science, baking and cooking classes, hotel and restaurant operations class, tailoring, bookkeeping and basic computer) last year, a project of the Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku).

The graduation programme began when Homer L. Mesina, vice-president for media and

external affairs and one of the Tofik awarders this year led the guests and the graduates in singing the Philippine national anthem.

Manny Inserto, Kapilku president in his welcome address, emphasised the importance of these courses to the graduates. "These certificates will be your passport for the betterment of your careers here and abroad," Inserto said.

The guests of honour for the occasion were Ambassador Dr Mauryag Mohammad Tamano and his wife Madame Norie Tamano, Ambassador Tamano

in his inspirational talk extended his congratulations to all who exerted their time and effort to attend the courses.

He further reiterated the embassy's stand to support all projects of Kapilku especially the self-improvement courses which helps members find better opportunities. Ambassador Tamano and his wife Norie later awarded the certificates.

The graduates were entertained by well-known Filipino singers in town like, Mat Monro of Kuwait, Benny Peres, Kuwaiti Sultan Ali, Ric Galang (Elvis) and versatile Millet Domingo. A surprise number was re-

dered by Bulilit Bagong Kampoon '89, Judy dela Cruz, who sang *One Moment In Time* to the delight of the guests.

Entertainment numbers are never complete without the jazz dance, courtesy Jun Santos, who gave a splendid performance.

Other special guests who graced the affair were Teddy dela Cruz, attaché and his wife Nellie, Omar Mustari, finance assistant, Eng. Edward Racaza, Filcheck president, Saleh Abughosh, manager Hatid Ligaya-Abughosh Int'l, Don Kanangara, managing director of Trico Int'l, W.P.J. P. Sirwardhana, managing part-

ner of Araliya Restaurant, the sponsor of the event, Yousuf Sabboobah of Mansoura Printing Press and Ahmad Al Mutairi of Gulf Insurance Co.

It was organised by Sarah Macarimbang, vice-president for social and cultural affairs as overall co-ordinator, and Mila Andrada as gatekeeper.

The programme was kept rolling smoothly by the able supervision of the Master of Ceremonies Ojie Olor, vice-president for welfare and special projects Millet Domingo and Freddie Fernando, vice-president for sports and recreation as co-emcee.

Citizens essential to security: Rujab

No female investigators yet

CAPITAL Security Director, Col Ahmad Abdul Latif Al Rujab has said that citizens play an essential role in preserving security. He pointed out that security forces are everywhere at all times but, will remain powerless without the co-operation of citizens. Citizens have an important role in co-operating with security forces when a crime occurs by reporting it.

In an interview with cultural activity members at Ardhiya Summer Club for Girls, he added that families play an essential role in fighting harassment in public places. He said for example, a girl should always be with her family or with some protection. He stressed that girls should also consider the way they dress, walk and react to such harassments. He emphasised that all these matters should be of concern to the family in the first degree. In the meanwhile, he advised male youth to consider any family as his own. Such families play an important role in teaching their children to respect the freedom of others without interfering in their affairs.

He added that such harassments occur around the year, increase especially in the summer. He stated that this is due to the fact that most families go out shopping, and for walks and the addition of a large number of students who don't have any place to go makes it quite unbearable.

He pointed out that a written pledge is taken from parents in case their young children are caught harassing others. In the case when the harasser is above the legal age, other measures are taken.

Rujab pointed out that the most common problem in summer is petty theft especially in vacant shops. He said that such incidents were mainly due to the great amount of leisure time that youth have on their hands. He pointed out that security forces take strong measures against such incidents. A large number of patrols are distributed in markets and residential and commercial areas. He added that other security patrols

are distributed in all areas in addition to undercover patrols.

Col Rujab urged vehicles owners to avoid keeping any valuables in their vehicles. He states that cars are easy to steal particularly in public areas. Another phenomenon which Col Rujab pointed to is that many people leave their vehicles while the engines are still running and are surprised upon return to find the car missing.

He advised parents to avoid leaving their children inside vehicles while the engine is still running.

Meanwhile Brigadier Yaqoob Yousuf Al Mhaini, general director of the General Investigations Department said that female investigators at the department carry out duties of claims and investigations at hospitals. He added that the time is still premature for female investigators at the department to carry out duties at police stations.

Interviewed by a local daily, Brigadier Mhaini said that it is permissible to employ Sharia college graduates as investigators if they fulfilled employment conditions.

General director of the General Investigations Department pointed out that a special request is being currently reviewed by concerned officials regarding investigators salaries. Mhaini states that with censorship applied on all department investigators, they rarely make mistakes. He said that mistakes committed by investigators at the department are dealt with strictly. He expressed the hope that complaints from people about investigators at police stations is not a general phenomenon.

With respect to the attendance of lawyers at investigations he added that they are allowed to do so under specific conditions.

He pointed out that the General Investigation Department suffers from a shortage in investigators. He added that measures are taken to cover this shortage by training investigators in addition to developing their performance.

Science Club to see vertical development: Sheikh Sabah

THE acting secretary-general of the Kuwait Science Club Sheikh Sabah Al Himoudi Al Sabah said that the club has been very successful in attracting more young members and instilling in them the love for science, technology and research.

He told a local daily that the time has come for vertical development of club members. He pointed out that work in the stage to come will concentrate on meeting development requirements in the country. The club is currently suffering a shortage in certain fields of minute technical possibilities although the government has spared no effort to provide all sorts of needed support for different scientific activities sponsored by the club.

Formula

The development of a new structural formula for the club has become an imperative requirement to cater for the needed turn in kind sought in the decade of the nineties, Sheikh Sabah said.

He added that the club has rendered illustrious contributions to manpower development through taking care of talented youth and opening up all required scientific fields to help them polish their talents and cultivate their skills.

Development

He said that national development is but a major objective through which the government aims at building the right Kuwaiti individual and develop his capabilities in all possible fields of labour, public and private, as this is real national investment.

He said that the development of individuals is an integrated process which is an element of self-instruction that needs to be entrenched at a very early age, whereby the child develops a love for following up knowledge and indulging in related applications, which ultimately help improve the income of the individual.

ect through the number plate of the car which belonged to the accused's father who said that he had sometime back disowned his son for his bad behaviour. Investigations revealed that the accused's fled the country on the day the incident was reported to the police.

Accident procedures unwarranted: lawyers

Rescuers maltreated

A NUMBER of lawyers have confirmed that procedures followed by investigators during traffic accidents is legally unwarranted. They were in agreement that those who rescue victims of traffic accidents should not be detained in the police station.

These findings were reported in the local daily who had interviewed a number of lawyers.

Lawyer, Said Al Einazi said that when people ignore traffic accident victims and refrain from rescuing them it can be attributed to their wanting to avoid prolonged procedures followed by police stations.

He said that although the law urges the public to rescue these casualties, the practical applications of the law by some authorities prevents people from doing so. He said that questions of investigators in this connection tend to accuse those who come to the aid of traffic accident victims, particularly when the culprit is at large.

He added that some people are subject to maltreatment as a result of their contributions in the rescue process. He recalled that one rescuer had been sentenced to a penalty by the court. However, when the genuine perpetrator had read the story in the newspaper, he gave himself up to the authorities and acknowledged the honesty and bonafides of the rescuer.

He said it was legally unjustified to detain the rescuer in the

police station unless convincing evidence existed to prove that he was involved in the accident.

He called on investigation officers to follow humane dictates with people who rescue victims of traffic accidents in order to encourage the public to contribute in this human task.

Lawyer Huda Al Maneai said that the rescue of traffic accident victims constitutes a human duty to be encouraged. She clarified that most traffic accidents occur in remote areas and the rescue percentage is very low. She added that the necessary rescue centres must be set up in these areas to alleviate the rescue process. She said it is natural that the investigator should ask the rescuer about the pertinent accident circumstances but should not keep him under arrest. She added that the investigator should take the necessary details of the rescuer including the full name and address for future communications.

Lawyer Hind Mohammed Saleh said that the rescue of traffic accident victims falls within pure human action, and when this action transferred into a charge, this will be legally rejected. She clarified that the method followed by some officers and investigators in this connection was illegal. She called on the official at the security apparatus to alleviate the investigation procedures and to go beyond the red tape prevailing in the police stations. She added that this method had resulted in the public

to neglecting traffic accident victims and refrain from rescuing to avoid the complicated investigation procedures in this connection.

Lawyer Dokhi Al Hasban said that those who may rescue traffic accident victims should show forbearance and patience during the investigation process. But, he added that the investigation authorities should follow a sound method in this connection and should deal with the rescuer as a witness who can collaborate with the investigation authorities and should be treated well.

Lawyer Fayer Al Otaibi noted the increase in traffic accidents and attributed it to youth who do not abide by the traffic rules and regulations. He called for intensifying traffic patrols.

He criticised the red tape followed in investigating rescuers since a great number of people refuse to perform this human duty. He requested people who undertake to transport traffic accident victims to the hospital to make sure there are enough witnesses to the fact.

Lawyer Adnan Al Warca said that security men should practice their right to investigation with the rescuer to ensure facts about the circumstances of the accident, but should not deal with the rescuer as a defendant. He said that he personally rescued two people who were victims of a traffic accident and that he had been thanked by security men.

School air-conditioning

Project according to plan: Zayed

DIRECTOR of the construction department at the Ministry of Education, Mohammad Saud Al Zayed has said that the project for air-conditioning intermediate and secondary schools is going according to plan. He added that cold drinking water services and other students utilities at schools will be provided at all schools before the beginning of the coming academic year.

He pointed out that the department will also establish several dental clinics at some schools and will remove a total of

86 wooden classrooms at 13 schools in addition to constructing a number of swimming pools.

He indicated that a total of 45 new schools will be ready to receive students at the beginning of the coming academic year. He added that this number of schools exceeds the ministry's need for the academic year 1990/91.

He stated that maintenance works are being conducted on 32 buildings and rooms and that follow-up committees are fully responsible to supervise such projects.

Indian minister to arrive

INDIAN Communications Minister and prime minister's special envoy Arif Mohammad Khan arrives in Kuwait today on a two-day official visit.

Khan is expected to deliver a message from Indian Prime Minister V.P. Singh to H.H. the Amir at a meeting scheduled this morning. Although the contents of the message are not clear, it is known that it touches on the Kashmir issue.

Khan will also hold talks with senior Kuwaiti officials on bilateral issues.

He will be accompanied by his wife, Reshma Khan, a lawyer and a women's rights activist.



NC chairman receives UK envoy

National Council chairman Abdul Aziz Fahd Al Messaleh received at his office recently the British Ambassador to Kuwait Michael Weston. Talks centred on issues of mutual concern.

Chinese death toll now five

Saudis to pay Malaysian families

KUALA LUMPUR, July 21. (AP) The Saudi Arabian government is expected to give money to the families of Malaysian Muslims killed in the tunnel stampede in Saudi Arabia July 2, a newspaper reported today.

The Star quoted an official in the prime minister's department, Yusof Noor, as saying that the Saudi government would give the money to a fund the Malaysian government had established last week.

He said as of Friday, 91 Malaysians were confirmed killed and 64 other Malaysians were listed as missing.

Yousf said several other countries were also expected to contribute to the fund, but he did not identify the countries concerned.

Meanwhile five Chinese Muslims have been confirmed dead in the July 3 stampede in the tunnel in Makkah, an official report said today.

Four remain missing, the Chinese Daily said.

An earlier Chinese report had said that three were dead and 12 were missing in the disaster, in which more than 1,400 Muslim pilgrims died. Most of the victims were from Turkey and Indonesia.

The Chinese victims included two ethnic Uyghurs from Aksu prefecture in western China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, and a 60-year-old ethnic Hui from Gangsu province, east of Xinjiang.

The other two Chinese victims were from Qinghai, also east of Xinjiang. The three regions have large Muslim populations.

More than 1,500 Chinese Muslims made the annual pilgrimage to Makkah in Saudi Arabia this year, official reports said. Some are sponsored by relatives in Saudi Arabia, and others go at their own expense.

The accident occurred when tens of thousands of pilgrims were packed into a pedestrian tunnel and several fell, causing a panic and stampede.

2,008 apply to Paaet

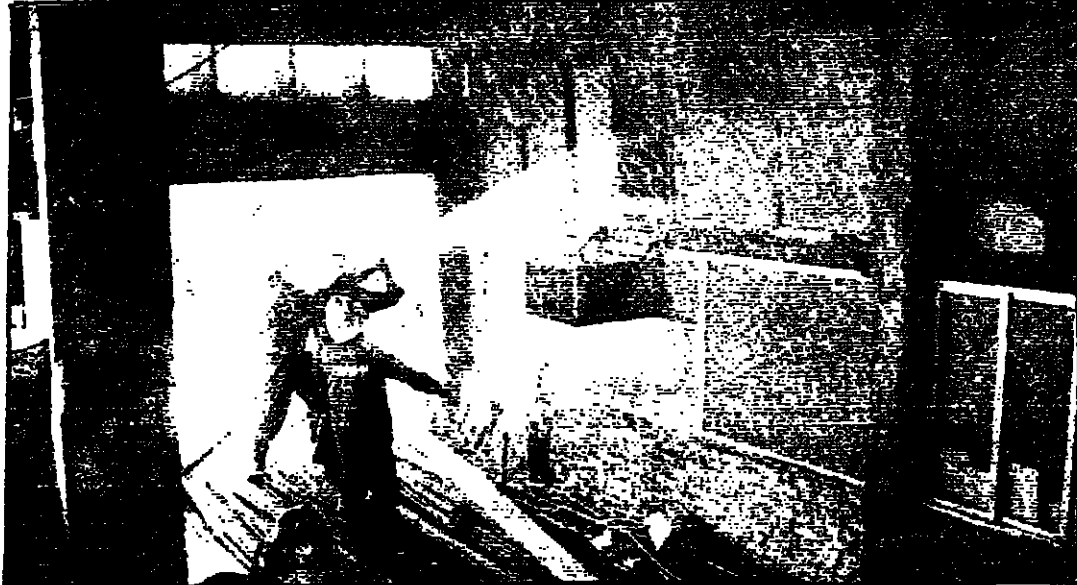
UNTIL last Tuesday, a total of 1,685 Kuwaitis and 323 non-Kuwaitis submitted their applications to the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (Paaet).

Speaking on the issue, the dean of students and trainees, Hisham Al Mutawa said that the last date for receiving applications is Wednesday, July 25, 1990. However, there is a possibility that an extension might be given should there be seats vacant.

The number of applicants would have been significantly higher, but for the fact that many were rejected due to incomplete documents being submitted, Mutawa said.

The authority will admit 705 students in the faculty of basic education, 710 in the faculty of commercial studies, 305 students in the faculty of health sciences and 510 in the faculty of technological studies. A total of 2,230 students carrying secondary school certificates will be admitted to training courses during the first term of the new academic year.

Those admitted will have their names published in the first batch on 26.8.1990 and the second batch will be published on 12.9.1990, Mutawa said.



Fire at construction company

A big fire broke out at the premises of a construction company in Shuwaikh. The whole store was gutted. Firemen are shown at work. No injuries were reported. Firemen said that a short circuit started the fire. Picture by Ahmad Imad

Man gets 15 years for rape at gunpoint

THE Criminal Court sentenced an accused identified as Ali H to 15-years rigorous imprisonment in absentia for raping a 28-year-old maid in the Rigga area.

The court was told that the brother of the maid's employer saw a man run away from the house and he noted the car num-

ber plate which he handed over to his brother.

The maid's employer then questioned the maid who said that four months previously, the accused had come to the house wearing a military uniform and raped her at gunpoint.

On the day of the incident, she

said that he came again in civilian clothes, but when she saw him, she raised an alarm and the accused fled the scene.

The maid was sent to the hospital for a check-up which certified that she was four months pregnant.

The police identified the sus-

EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

I ALWAYS prefer to believe the best of everybody. It saves so much trouble — Rudyard Kipling, English writer (1865-1936).

Supreme Court justice leaves

Brennan did a lot

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): Justice William Brennan, a leading US Supreme Court liberal for 34 years who resigned on Friday, wrote a long list of landmark decisions that expanded Americans' constitutional rights.

Brennan, at 84 the oldest and most senior among the nine justices, is widely recognised as one of the court's strongest intellects and a master behind-the-scenes strategist in building a consensus on the tribunal.

"No individual in this country ... has had a more profound and sustained impact upon public policy in the United States," the conservative National Review magazine said of Brennan.

Role

He played a key role in the liberal majority when the court was led by a friend, Chief Justice Earl Warren, in the late 1950s and 1960s, writing rulings that made the court an engine of social reform.

Brennan's decisions in civil rights cases enforced school desegregation plans, upheld affirmative action programmes designed to help minorities overcome discrimination and sought to secure constitutional equality for women.

In his 34 years on the bench, Brennan wrote more than 1,200 opinions. He penned some of the court's landmark opinions for civil liberties, including the one person-one vote doctrine for apportioning state legislatures and the establishment of constitutional protections for libel defendants.

Brennan also wrote several of the court's rulings on obscenity. Along with Justice Thurgood Marshall, Brennan believed that the death penalty was wrong in all cases, and he consistently voted to protect condemned prisoners who came to the court appealing for their lives. Increasingly he was on the losing side, the latest time just Thursday night in a case out of Virginia.

"The right to dissent is one of the great and cherished freedoms that we enjoy by virtue of the excellent accident of our birth as Americans," he said in a speech earlier this year.

"I do not mean to suggest that one has a duty or right simply to make noise," Brennan said. "What I am saying is that all of us — judges, lawyers, students, teachers, factory workers, bankers — must recognise values which are so important to us that we cannot remain silent if and when we feel those values threatened."

In criminal law, he gave suspects the right to have a lawyer present at police identification line-ups and fought efforts to ease restrictions on police during searches and seizures of evidence.

As the court became more conservative in the 1970s and 1980s under Chief Justices Warren Burger and William Rehnquist, Brennan still exerted strong influence as the leader of the liberal wing.

Dissent

But he also found himself increasingly in the minority, writing in dissent.

He was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower.

The Republican Eisenhower had a policy of appointing moderate appellate court judges. Brennan, an Irish Catholic Democrat from New Jersey, seemed to fill the bill admirably.

But Eisenhower soon became dismayed with the new justice's liberal rulings.

Asked if he had ever made a mistake as president, Eisenhower replied, "Yes, two, and they are both sitting on the Supreme Court" — a reference to Brennan and Warren, appointed by Eisenhower in 1953.

Brennan was born in Newark, New Jersey, on April 25, 1906, the second of eight children whose parents were Irish immigrants. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business in 1928 and earned his law degree from Harvard University three years later.

Brennan entered the Army in 1942 as a major in the legal division of the ordnance department. He left with a colonel's rank in 1945.

In 1949, Brennan was nominated to a judgeship on the New Jersey Superior Court. He later became a state appellate judge and joined the state's Supreme Court in 1952.

He underwent treatment in 1978 for a cancerous tumour in his throat and suffered a mild stroke in 1979.

His first wife, Marjorie, died of cancer in 1982. They had two sons and a daughter. In 1983, Brennan married his long-time secretary, Mary Fowler.

The well-liked Brennan is known at the Supreme Court for his geniality, his ready smile and legendary wit.

After his 80th birthday, when he had served 30 years, he said he had no plans to retire, "I am going to stay right here until the good Lord says I have to leave," he said at the time.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1515 — Congress of Vienna between Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I, Poland's King Sigismund I and Hungary's King Ladislas II settles points of issue between Poland and the empire and succession to throne of Hungary.
- 1691 — Anglo-Dutch army defeats French at Aghrim in India.
- 1739 — Turks defeat Holy Roman Empire troops at Crocyka, Yugoslavia, and threaten Belgrade.
- 1812 — British under Duke of Wellington defeat French under Marshal Marmont at Salamanca, Spain.
- 1901 — Negotiations start in London between Britain and Japan to form alliance.
- 1933 — US aviator Wiley Post completes first solo airplane flight around world.
- 1934 — FBI agents in Chicago, Illinois, shoot and kill US gangster John Dillinger.
- 1943 — Allied forces capture Palermo, Sicily, in World War II.
- 1950 — King Leopold III returns to Belgium after six years of exile.
- 1961 — United Nations orders ceasefire after clashes between French and Tunisians in Tunisia.
- 1968 — Israeli airliner bound for Israel from Rome with 48 people aboard is hijacked and diverted to Algeria.
- 1971 — Last US infantry units are pulled out of South Vietnam's northern border area.
- 1973 — Soviet space probe begins six-month journey toward planet Mars.
- 1977 — Egypt bombs and strafes major air base in Libya in second day in conflict between two countries.
- 1987 — Kenya's President Daniel Arap Moi denies allegations that his government systematically has committed human rights abuses.
- 1988 — Car loaded with bombs blows up near Syrian military intelligence base in west Beirut, killing seven people and wounding 48.



Youths carrying the Serbian flag without star demonstrating against communists. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mass grave uncovered

Yugoslav ethnic strife fuelled

SOSICE, Yugoslavia, (Reuters): The discovery of thousands of skeletons in a cave, thought to be Croats shot by the communists in 1945, has fuelled already rising ethnic tensions in Yugoslavia.

For four decades, no one in Sosice in the north-western republic of Croatia dared tell the truth about a deep hole in a nearby hill that opens up into a cave about 40 metres (130 feet) below the surface and contains a huge pile of skulls and bones.

Villagers say that in two bloody weeks in May 1945, the communists, who had just emerged victorious from World War II and civil war in Yugoslavia, shot dead their enemies and dumped their corpses in the hole known as Jazovka.

Most of the victims are thought to be Croats who fought against the Partisans led by Josip Broz Tito, Yugoslavia's communist ruler from 1945 until his death in 1980.

Villagers say some nurses, nuns and children were also killed. Newspaper editor Hido Bisevic, who descended by rope into the cave, said he saw crutches alongside the bones, apparently supporting claims that wounded soldiers were taken from hospital beds and shot.

Encouraged

Earlier this month, encouraged by the ousting of the communists in Croatia after 45 years in power, 80-year-old villager Branko Mucic decided it was time to speak out.

It is not known how many people died at Jazovka.

one of many mass graves in Yugoslavia and the latest to be uncovered in Eastern Europe as communism loses its grip on the region. Some Croatian historians put the number at about 5,000.

Mucic's revelation has reopened old wounds from the civil war, when Croatian fascists carried out a mass slaughter of Serbs, and the immediate post-war period when communists of all ethnic groups systematically killed thousands of opponents.

It has further strained relations between Serbs and Croats, the two largest ethnic groups, at a time when Yugoslavia's unity and communist rule are threatened by demands for more independence, especially from Croatia and neighbouring Slovenia.

"This episode could, and did, put a whole new perspective on the post-war history of Yugoslavia," said Bisevic, editor of the Croatian daily newspaper Vjesnik which published the article exposing the mass grave.

Reconciliation

"We want to make Sosice a starting point for national reconciliation," he said. But he added: "It is possible that people's national passions will be inflamed and the whole thing will run out of control. People may use it for their own ends."

Serbs are angry that Jazovka is diverting attention from worse atrocities suffered by Serbs at the hands of Croatian fascists.

They point to the massacre of what some his-

torians say was several hundred thousand Serbs, Jews and Gypsies by the fanatical Ustasi army in the puppet Independent State of Croatia set up by the Nazis after they invaded in 1941.

Croatia's ex-communist party leader Ivica Racan wants Jazovka to become a symbol of reconciliation. It is now surrounded by Croatian flags, flowers and burning candles.

But Bisevic said that when Racan invited Jovan Raskovic, leader of the republic's Serbian minority, to a commemorative mass in Sosice, he declined.

"How can we forget that hundreds of thousands of Serbs — mostly women, children and the elderly — did not die because they took part in the civil war but because they belonged to a nation that was condemned to physical liquidation by another nation?" the Serbian newspaper Politika said.

A special Croatian parliamentary commission is investigating the Jazovka massacre.

The villagers say victims were driven to Jazovka in trucks in the last two weeks of May, 1945, with their hands tied, shot once in the back of the head and bundled into the hole.

"My brother is probably there. He just disappeared," Zarko Modric, a Croatian Information Ministry official, said.

Modric's 18-year-old brother escaped from the Croatian army but was taken to prison and interrogated after he was spotted in Zagreb, the Croatian capital, in mid-May 1945.

Art Buchwald

Rap music should be censored

I HAPPEN to be one of the 2,000,135 persons who bought the recording "As Nasty as They Wanna Be" by a rap group called 2 Live Crew. I didn't want to buy the tape after it was banned in Florida, and became a cause celebre throughout the country, but what choice did I have?

I stood in a long line in front of the music shop holding my \$9.95. The lady in front of me was as excited as I was.

"I never heard a rap tape before," she confessed.

"Neither have I," I admitted. "I understand that this one is really disgusting."

The lady said, "My grandson tells me that there are a lot worse tapes on sale. Why do you think they picked on 'As Nasty as They Wanna Be'?"

"The sheriff of Broward County probably has a son who plays it all day long and he couldn't take it any more."

The man standing behind me joined in the conversation. "Why would they censor music?"

"It's not the music — it's the lyrics," I explained.

"These are supposed to be the filthiest words ever put to music. They are just awful."

The lady said, "I wonder if they'll let you buy two."

The man sounded puzzled. "What can lyrics in a song do to provoke your prurient interests?"

I said, "This is a free country, but that doesn't mean you can cry 'fire' in a crowded record shop."

"I'm glad they never censored 'The Sound of Music.' That was my favourite," the lady told us.

"Are you really going to play 'As Nasty as They Wanna Be' at home?" I asked her.

Weapon

"I doubt it. I'll probably just stick it in my purse to use as a weapon in case someone attacks me."

"Why are you buying it?" the man wanted to know.

"Someday I hope to be block warden in my neighbourhood, and I need to know what is good for the public and what isn't. It's my understanding that this tape might drive some people to commit unforgivable acts of violence."

"You mean the words could do that?"

"No, the music. The beat will drive them mad."

"Do you think they'll pull other records off the shelves?" the man asked.

"I should hope so," I said. "Censoring rap music could be the biggest gut issue of the next election campaign. Candidates are going to be falling all over themselves demanding the death penalty for those who play a record."

Four hours later we reached the counter and the clerk behind it handed me the tape in a brown paper bag.

I took it home, locked all the doors, pulled down the shades and placed the cassette in my recorder. When it began it was a jumble of sounds. I couldn't understand a word. I put it into another tape machine to check it, and once again it was unintelligible.

In a fury, I returned to the music store and told them, "I can't understand one dirty lyric on this tape."

The salesman said, "We never promised you 'My Wild Irish Rose.'" — Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Letters to the editor

Sri Lankan maids

SIR: For the past few weeks we happen to read both in the local dailies and the Sri Lankan papers sold weekly here, a big controversy over Sri Lankan maids, their tales of woe, and their ways of life in Kuwait. To those who value their self respect, these press reports are stinking and disgusting. Whoever released these reports should have known, "if you look up and spit, it comes back on to your face."

Women have come all this distance to work, due to their poverty and for the reason their male partners have no employment opportunities in their own land, to keep the family hearth burning.

In Sri Lanka, the nature of the problem affecting lives began to change with the economical bankruptcy that was born out of ethnic and separatist violence that destroyed the smooth running of the state. As the struggle for the livelihood grew acute, it is clear that women had to intervene even to a lesser extent. Thus most of these women made their way to Kuwait too, and needless to say many of them are working in

peaceful and happier environment. It is very wrong to give a picture as if all the Sri Lankan women who have come to Kuwait are engaged in immoral activities, simply because someone has come across a few such women.

According to these news items, an honourable minister from Sri Lanka has seen the immoral status of his countrywomen and he had evidence that they had been lured by some agents for such stinking behaviours. We cannot presume, that these reports are exaggerated or misinterpreted (some reporters do so) because the news carried by the Sri Lankan dailies had the same tone.

Prostitution

Those who run away from their employers are the women who seek free living and more money. Nobody lures them in to prostitution, they go for it on their own. For the love of money they have chosen immorality as their profession. The law of this country prohibits such activities and some are even serving prison terms in Kuwait, for engaging in such types of conduct. No one can force a woman into prostitution or adultery if she resists. This is worst nature of prostitution, and adultery done against the laws

of this country as much as it is against the Sri Lankan laws. So, what steps would the hon. minister take against such pests of the society? Whatever said and done, "the dirty linen had been washed in the public," so it is up to the Sri Lankan authorities to mop it stock and pile once and for all.

This controversy has created a very dirty atmosphere for those Sri Lankan women who live a life of good morality in Kuwait. Every woman who returns to her homeland from Kuwait will be looked upon as degraded women by their countrymen. What the hon. minister should have done was to get these women whom he found to be practising immoral activities deported.

Anula Edirisinghe, Safat.

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Canada

Armed conflict embarrassment for government

MONTREAL, (Reuters): An armed confrontation between Mohawk Indians and police in Canada's Quebec province is turning into a major embarrassment for the beleaguered government of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Mulroney's Conservative administration had set a record for unpopularity even before a long-standing dispute over land near Montreal erupted into a fierce gunbattle between police and militant Mohawks armed with assault rifles on July 11. A policeman died in the fight.

According to a public opinion poll taken a few days before the battle, an unprecedented 67 per cent of the population thought Mulroney's government was doing a poor job. Only 22 per cent said they would vote again for his party.

The figures were the worst for a sitting government in Canada.

Criticism

Now, Mulroney's government is being roundly criticised for its handling of the Mohawk crisis, which led to Indian protest demonstrations across Canada and re-opened a long-dormant debate over the status of the country's original inhabitants.

Both opposition parties have accused the federal government of shirking its responsibility to solve the conflict and passing the buck to provincial authorities in French-speaking Quebec.

"The government is inept, incompetent, inactive," said a caller in one of a flurry of radio and TV phone-in programmes prompted by the stand-off between Indians and Quebec police. His view appeared to reflect majority opinion.

The two flashpoints of the crisis are at Oka, a sleepy resort town 20 miles (32 kms) west of Montreal, and the Mercier bridge, which spans the St Lawrence river and links Montreal with its southern suburbs.

Mohawks sealed off the bridge in support of Indians manning barricades at Oka, where the revolt was sparked by a municipal plan to turn land Mohawks claim as a sacred burial ground into a golf course.

The blockade of the bridge, which carries around 70,000 commuters a day, has angered residents who burned effigies of Mohawks in scenes rarely seen in Canada, a country that takes pride in tolerance, order and civilised behaviour.

While Quebec's Indian affairs minister, John Cioffi, negotiated with the Mohawks, the federal government remained silent for more than a week.

Demonstrators

"Where is Brian? Demonstrators chanted this week in front of Mulroney's office in Ottawa, the Canadian capital.

The prime minister, on holiday at his summer home at Harrington Lake in the hills of Quebec, "has not so far commented on the Mohawk stand-off."

But his Indian affairs minister, Tom Siddon, broke his silence on the matter on Thursday night in response to mounting pressure for the federal government to intervene.

Siddon declared the federal government would not talk unless the Mohawks first laid down their arms — and he made clear he thought it was up to the authorities in Quebec to persuade the Indians to disarm.

"We want Mohawk leaders to sit down with us and negotiate the issues," Siddon said. "But we won't talk while there are barricades and we won't talk in circumstances where firearms are used to provoke negotiations."

A list of demands that has lengthened steadily as the crisis dragged on included involvement by the World Court in the Hague in land disputes, amnesty for Indians who took part in the shootout and blockades, a United Nations inquiry into Indian human rights, and Mulroney's participation in talks to break the deadlock.

QUOTE ME

"The postponement was an agreement between the United States government and the Israeli government. As you know, we are in the midst of a budget summit and there's a great deal of work associated with the summit negotiations. As a result of that, we've postponed the annual joint security assistant planning meeting and have mutually agreed with Israel to hold it in September to give us more time to prepare." — State Department spokeswoman on the putting off of a joint committee meeting of the US and Israel.

"If we go on spending a quarter of our budget on the military, we will finally ruin our country. Then we won't need any defence, and the army won't defend a system which has brought economic and social collapse." — Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze in defence of arms reduction policies.

"If the people turns its back on the party, that is a matter for the people." — Yakovlev, denying he had contributed to a world-wide collapse of socialism.

"The reality is that from the beginning of the World Cup the FIFA bosses have been on our back so they can caution us and send us off without even thinking about it." — Argentine Caniggia on refereeing at the World Cup.

"The decision of the United States and the European Community to abandon the nationalist Cambodian resistance and to expel the national government of Cambodia from the United Nations is an act of very grave injustice because it constitutes a great payoff to the Phnom Penh regime which is the creation and the creature of a foreign power." — Sihanouk in a telegram from his palace in North Korea.

"We were all sort of like chasing each other. It was a good mode to be in, going for every pin and trying to about the every punt." — Co-leader Nick Faldo, talking about the top play of the top players over the last few holes at the 19th British Open.

"We are only trying to rid ourselves of Doe. We are not out there to fight anyone. We are saying to the United States out of Liberia militarily. Charles elections within six months. He is committed to the process of free elections." — Nelson Taylor Charles Taylor's brother on events in Liberia.

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Baker plans to try once again

Levy invited: Arens meets Cheney

WASHINGTON, July 21. (AP) The State Department announced yesterday that it had invited Israel's new Foreign Minister, David Levy, to talk about moving forward the stalled peace process between Israel and its Palestinian neighbours.

The Defence Department, meanwhile, told Israel the United States would contribute to the second phase of the Arrow, an anti-missile being developed in Israel in co-operation with the American "Star Wars" space-based missile defence system.

Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Arens said he was informed of the decision at a meeting with secretary of Defence Dick Cheney.

Israeli officials said Arens and Cheney did not discuss the amount of the US participation in the \$240 million second phase, but Israel was pleased by the US commitment to support the project.

The Arens-Cheney meeting came as the administration tried to defuse speculation that its decision this week to postpone defence co-operation talks with Israel was an attempt to wrest concessions in the peace process.

"The postponement was an agreement between the United States government and the Israeli government," said State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler. The annual talks will take place in September instead, she said.

Tutwiler called the postponement "purely a practical matter" and stressed the US "commitment to Israel's security and to the preservation of its qualitative edge."

The administration is busy negotiating future budgets with Congress and is uncertain about how much money will be available for foreign aid in fiscal year 1992, said Tutwiler.

The administration has already asked Congress for \$3 billion in fiscal 1991 for Israel, the largest recipient of US aid.

Israeli officials also insisted Arens' brief visit, announced Thursday, was unrelated to the postponement of the annual talks on the joint security assistance programme.

Nonetheless, the postponement caught Israeli officials by surprise and created unease in light of expressions of impatience from Secretary of State James Baker about what he described as Israeli foot-dragging on the peace process.

Baker's talks with Levy, who came into office when a government of the hard-line Likud bloc was sworn in last month, will take place on Aug 9 or 10, Tutwiler said.

A US official said Levy was still weak from surgery he under-

Egypt agrees to assist: report

Libya seeks help

BEIRUT, July 21. (Kuna) Egypt has agreed to send troops to Libya to assist it in defending itself against any Israeli attack, said press reports today.

The weekly Lebanese magazine, Al Shiraa, published today, said that a Libyan delegation headed by Mustafa Kharoubi and intelligence official Ahmed Gathaf Al Dam succeeded in convincing Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, during their recent meeting, to send Egyptian troops and military experts to help Libya repulse any Israeli aggression.

Israel had accused Libya of being behind the Palestinian seaborne commando operation that took place two months ago on an occupied Palestinian beach.

The magazine pointed out that the Libyan delegation had conveyed a letter to President Mubarak from the Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi concerning Libya's acceptance of Egypt's mediation role between the American administration and Libya as well as the possibility of holding a meeting between high-ranking Libyan and American officials in Cairo at the end of this month.

British Foreign Office Undersecretary of State David Gore-Booth held talks yesterday with Afif Safieh, the new head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's delegation to Britain.

The wide-ranging discussions covered bilateral relations, ways to further the Middle East peace process and the situation in the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the meeting was routine. "They are officials and it is quite natural for them to meet," said the spokesman who by custom was not identified.

Safieh, 40, who arrived in Britain Wednesday, is a graduate of the Catholic University in Louvain, Belgium, and a former deputy director of the PLO observer mission to the United Nations in Geneva.

Levy and Baker were initially supposed to meet last week in Paris but Levy was advised by his doctors to stay home.

Last March, Israel rejected a formula devised by Baker for talks which would lead to elections among the 1.7 million Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. An internal Israeli dispute

over the Baker plan led to the government's collapse.

Baker, determined to try again, met here last month with Egyptian and Jordanian officials and also urged the new Israeli government — in public and private — to accept his plan.

Secretary Baker wants to work with the new government of Israel to create a common and credible basis on which to move on the peace process, Tutwiler said.

Troops hurt 36 in Gaza Strip

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 21. (Reuters) Troops shot and wounded 36 Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip on Friday after Muslim prayer service commemorating the killing of seven Arabs by an Israeli gunman two months ago, Arab hospital officials said.

It was "the highest one-day casualty toll in the strip since a week of riots sparked by the murder of the Gaza labourers waiting for work in Rishon LeZion near Tel Aviv on May 20."

Troops and demonstrators clashed throughout the strip on Friday but all the wounded were in Rafah refugee camp where two weeks ago military sources had said the army was keeping a low profile as a new tactic to avoid clashes.

Palestinians said riots began in Rafah when jeep patrols in the camp were attacked by stone-throwing youths. Troops opened fire and unrest spread, they said.

A group of demonstrators fled into a UN clinic and troops fired three tear-gas canisters after them, Palestinian sources said. Clinic staff said three patients required treatment for tear-gas inhalation.

The army said it was checking reports of clashes in Rafah but did not have a casualty count.

In Jabalya refugee camp in the strip troops dispersed stone-throwers with water cannons and gravel throwers after a military outpost was attacked by worshippers leaving the local mosque, Palestinian sources said.

In all the occupied areas transport ground to a halt and shops and businesses were closed in a general strike in memory of the May 20 killings, Palestinians said.

The PLO-backed Unified Leadership of the Uprising, in its latest regular leaflet, designated the 20th of every month as a strike day in honour of the seven killed.

Israeli soldiers shot and wounded four Palestinians during stone-throwing incidents in Rafah refugee camp on Thursday night, residents reported.

A new T-shirt emblazoned with the words "Black Sunday" has become the latest source of friction between Palestinian youths and Israeli soldiers.

The shirt is meant as a silent protest over the massacre of seven Arab labourers by an Israeli gunman on Sunday, May 20, and the design includes drawings of seven bullet holes across the chest.

Soldiers and border police have reportedly been confiscating the shirts from stores and — in one case — ordered two youths in the West Bank city of Bethlehem to hand the shirts on the spot and hand them over.

In one case, a Palestinian youth was jailed after soldiers found him carrying a bag containing 40 of the "Black Sunday" shirts. He was released the next morning, but without the offending shirts.

An army spokesman yesterday denied there was a policy against the shirts. "We do not deal in clothing," said the spokesman, who is not identified under military regulations.

However, a military source confirmed that there have been one or two cases in which soldiers were punished by the army for harassing Palestinian wearing the shirts.

The shirts are part of a continuing battle of symbols between Israelis and Palestinians in the 31-month uprising against Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Soldiers have regularly forced residents of the occupied territories to remove red, white, black and green Palestinian flags from rooftops and electric wires. The flags are outlawed as an incitement.

Troops also have ordered Palestinians to paint over anti-Israeli wall slogans.

The seven Palestinian labourers were gunned down as they waited for work in the Tel Aviv suburb of Rishon LeZion by an Israeli gunman who first ordered them to sit in rows. A 21-year-old Israeli, Ami Popper, is on trial for the murders.

Eritrean talks fail to get off in Sana'a

SANA'A, July 21. (AP) A new round of peace talks between Eritrean rebels and the Ethiopian government to end a 29-year-old war failed to get off the ground today because of a snag over the United Nations' role, officials and diplomats reported.

Foreign Ministry officials, speaking on condition they were not named, said the Yemeni-sponsored talks were postponed until Aug 15.

They said the Eritreans wanted the United Nations to organise a plebiscite in their north Ethiopian province, where they have been waging a secessionist war since 1961.

But diplomatic sources, also speaking on condition of anonymity, noted that such UN representation would be difficult because there was no UN resolution on which it could be based.

Eritrea province, Ethiopia's only outlet to the Red Sea, was under Italian rule from 1891 until allied armies took it in 1941. It was under British military administration for the following 11 years.

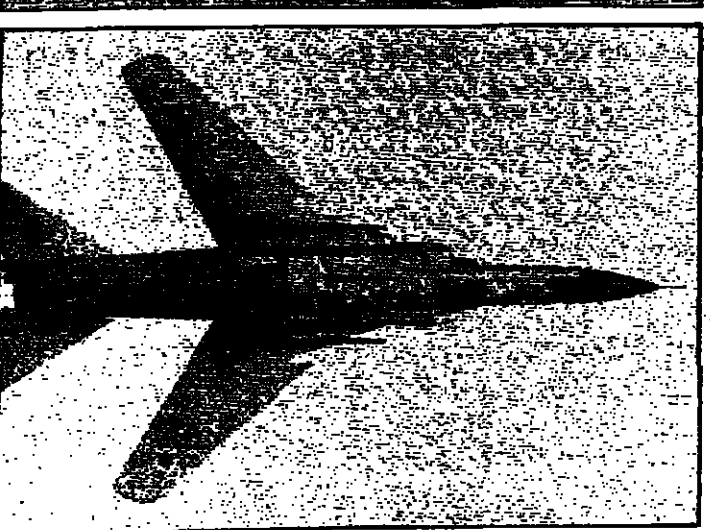
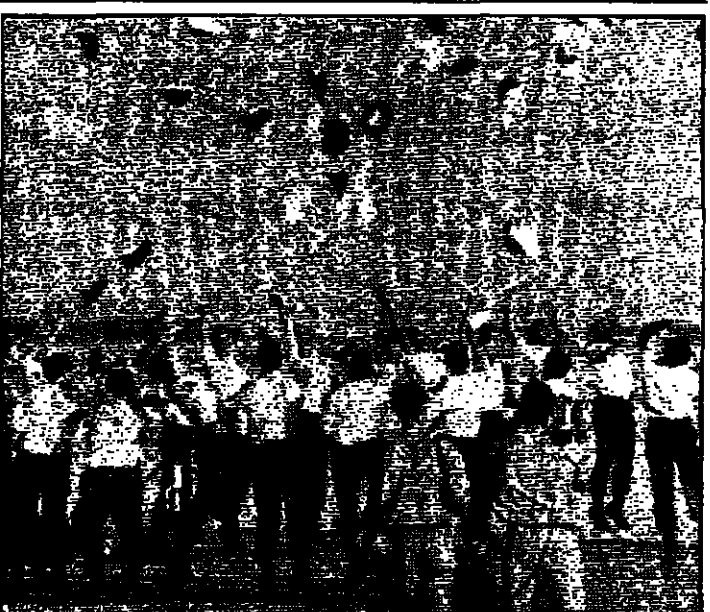
Ethiopia and Eritrea later joined in a federation. But the Eritreans launched their guerrilla war for independence in 1961. Ethiopia annexed Eritrea a year later.

A spokesman for the Ethiopian embassy in Sana'a said that the Eritrean call for UN representation was "no problem from our side. It has not been rejected by us."

But he added: "It's the United Nations which rejects such participation because they consider the problem to be an internal problem... as far as I know, there are no relevant UN resolutions on the issue."

Yemen earlier this year hosted a first round of talks between the Ethiopians and a group of rebel factions united under the banner of the Eritrean Liberation Front.

The talks were postponed until later this year to allow time for the Eritrean demand for UN representation to be sorted out.



Air Force Day

Above, Israeli air force cadets toss their hats into the air on July 19 to celebrate the completion of flight school. The cadets attached small parachutes to the hats so they could float down. Below, a Soviet-made MiG-23 in which a Syrian pilot defected to Israel last year flies past spectators during an airshow on July 19, marking Israeli Air Force Day. The MiG-23 bears the Israeli Star of David and the original Syrian markings. (Reuters wirephoto)

London kidnap-child can return home with her mother, rules Israeli court

TEL AVIV, July 21. (AP) A Tel Aviv judge ruled yesterday that four-year-old Lindsay Rhein, allegedly kidnapped in London by her father, should be allowed to return home with her mother. But the judge delayed the ruling to allow an appeal.

District court judge Yehoshua Hoummer said the decision would not be carried out until Monday. Aryeh Chertok, the lawyer for the father, Stewart Rhein, said he would file an appeal with the Israeli Supreme Court.

Rhein, an American citizen, has been trying to keep the girl in Israel until he has

an opportunity to plead for custody. He is Jewish, and has said he believes Israeli courts will treat his case fairly.

In a separate ruling, Supreme Court judge Yaacov Maltz yesterday overruled a lower court and ordered that Rhein remain in jail. Earlier this week, a district court judge said he should be freed on bail and held under house arrest.

Rhein and his estranged wife, Jill, who is a British citizen, have been fighting for custody of Lindsay since they separated in 1988. He has been pursuing a case in France, while she has petitioned British courts.

British courts have given Mrs. Rhein temporary custody, and Rhein contends he has been unfairly prevented by his estranged wife from seeing her.

Lindsay was taken from Mrs Rhein on June 24 by unidentified men who overpowered her as she parked her car on a London street. She told police the men sprayed a noxious liquid in her face.

Israeli police officials arrested Rhein in Tel Aviv earlier this month at the request of British police and Interpol.

The ruling came after a six-hour hearing in which Rhein admitted he took the girl but denied that force was used.



Security officer of French embassy in Lebanon Jean-Claude Labourdette (left) waves his hand to stop journalists as the family of Lebanon's French ex-ambassador Jacqueline Valante arrived at Beirut airport. Labourdette was accused in France of trafficking weapons from Beirut to Paris. (Reuters wirephoto)

Leadership showdown

Rabin-Peres duel set for Sunday

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 21. (UPI) Former Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, mounting a tough challenge for the Labour Party leadership, indicated today that his rival Shimon Peres must accept responsibility for the faction's failure to form a government.

Peres and Rabin have fought each other twice since 1977 for the party chairmanship, but the decades-long party rivalry between Peres and Rabin had generally remained below the surface since the nation's first 'national unity' government was formed in 1984.

The latest round in their political competition was sparked by Peres' failure to form a government after Israel's Likud-Labour 'national unity' government collapsed in March. Labour's 1,400 Central Committee members will meet Sunday to decide whether to vote for a new leader this month, as Rabin prefers, or to postpone the balloting until next year, as Peres wants.

Failure

"I think that in any properly conducted system, there is a leader, a No. 1," Rabin told army radio. "Let's take for an example if Peres, and in my opinion this had no basis, had succeeded in putting together a narrow government, all the honours would have gone to him."

Whirlpool

"I did not invite Rabin to a duel," Peres said at his last meeting with supporters before the Central Committee vote. "He has plunged the party into a big whirlpool. But if he asked for a duel, he'll get it."

Rabin is much stronger in his challenge of Peres this time than

in 1980. As the defence minister who directed Israel's attempts to quash the Palestinian uprising, Rabin gained huge popular support at a time when he had to fight off international criticism.

Several newspaper polls have shown Rabin would be favoured over Peres, as well as Likud Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, if a vote were held for the prime minister's office. But it is still not clear whether Rabin, who was Israel's prime minister in the mid-1970s, will be able to translate that support to victory at Sunday's Central Committee meeting and in the final vote for the leadership.

Stubborn

Some observers consider the leadership fight within Labour as a prelude to a split within the party, whether Rabin or Peres wins. In a biting commentary, Israeli journalist Nahum Barnea hinted the real problem was the Labour Party itself.

"The showdowns come back to us like a stubborn fly that returns and lands on one's nose," Barnea wrote in the Yediot Aharonot newspaper yesterday. "One cannot make a tragedy of a fly landing on one's nose, but it is irritating."

"The showdowns in the party are always similar — same basic plot, same heroes, same radical expressions of mutual hatred and violence — only the audience is getting smaller," Barnea wrote.



Homeless Jews

Homeless ultra-orthodox Jews with suitcases and personal belongings after they occupied a classroom of a non-religious school on July 19. The orthodox Jews are demanding housing from the Jerusalem municipality. (Reuters wirephoto)

British Labour Party leader off to Damascus

LONDON, July 21. (Kuna) Britain's main opposition Labour Party's foreign affairs spokesman Gerald Kaufman was flying to Damascus today for talks with senior Syrian leaders and hopes to raise the question of British hostages held in Lebanon.

Kaufman said "it seemed to me that following the recent release of the American hostages and speculations about the release of Irish hostage Brian Keenan it would be useful to have talks with Syria, a

major power in the region."

In his statement to the media, Kaufman disclosed that he has had talks with relatives of British hostages held in Lebanon, including David Waite, the brother of the Anglican Church envoy, Terry Waite, and Pat McCarthy, father of TV journalist, John McCarthy.

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd has raised no objection to Kaufman's three-day visit, it was pointed out.

Greek Cypriots mark split 'versary

NICOSIA, July 21. (Reuters) Thousands of Greek Cypriots gathered in Nicosia's Freedom Square last night to mark the 16th anniversary of the Turkish invasion that split the Mediterranean island.

Similar demonstrations held this year have been peaceful with an almost holiday atmosphere, unlike last year when Greek-Cypriot protesters forced their way into the UN-controlled buffer zone that divides the island and more than 100, most of them women, were arrested by Turkish and Turkish-Cypriot forces.

In a speech to the rally, President George Vassiliou told Greek Cypriots to continue their struggle with militancy but be also called for prudence.

"We shall never let emotion prevail over logic," he said.

About 200 demonstrators waved the Greek and Cypriot flags, raised their fists and chanted "Turks out of Cyprus."

But most people chatted to friends, bought ice cream and popcorn and wandered off as soon as Vassiliou ended his speech.

"People are losing interest, they hear nothing new and they don't believe our leaders can solve the Cyprus problem," said one young man, handing out political pamphlets.

EVENTS

Music
beats
summer
blues

'LET'S ROCK THE REGGAE' to beat the summer blues, says the Afro-Arab Friendship Group, which is holding its concert tonight at the Holiday Inn Hotel.

The group, which has held several concerts before, is once again presenting Steve Michael, who is well-known in music circles in Kuwait.

Steve promises a selection of fun music peppered with serious notes for those who are braving summer here.

"We'll keep it varied, some songs for fun, some for our regular listeners, a few reggae songs and some rocks," said Steve.

Steve, who has been in Kuwait for the past 10 years, hopes to take up music full time and plans to go West to fulfill his ambition.

"I want to record and go to a place where the real thing is and try and see if we can blend into the (musical) mainstream," he said.

A self-taught musician, he took up reggae seriously only after coming to Kuwait.

Confidently, he is "now trying to make a living out of it."

Words and music, which come naturally to him, are what keeps him going. He has penned 15 songs for tonight's concert, including his "message song" *Black is Beautiful*, the title of the group's last concert. Bob Marley's songs are also included in the programme.

Inspired by a mission to spread the message of peace and love, he has found the musical medium which he hopes would help him express himself. "At the end of the day, I say, let's get together and live in peace," he says. And most people listen to music, sooner or later, he hopes to reach them.

At the moment, he is targeting the listeners in Kuwait. With a group of 10 musicians, including dancers and soloists, he hopes to sing duets with guest artist Sheryl Pereira.

Sheryl will also sing solo numbers, including Whitney Houston's *Greatest Love of All*. Tina Matthews will do a reggae dance routine. Steve's band will do original rock, blues, African and reggae music as well as Bob Marley favourites.

The show is being sponsored by Mahdi Habib Commercial Est. A few seats are still available and tickets can be obtained from the special desk at the Holiday Inn lobby. Doors close at 9 pm.



Steve Michael

Around town



Congressman Bandon (second left) and Loy Cortel opening the tournament.



Some of the participants take an "oath of sportsmanship".

All Filipino Scrabble Tournament
Congressman Bandon opens games

FILIPINO Congressman Datu Alawadin Bandon formally opened the All Filipino Scrabble Tournament on Friday.

It has been organised by the Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (FCC). Bandon, who is visiting Kuwait, opened the games at a simple ceremony held at the Kabayan Restaurant.

Filcheck President Edward Raza, in his welcome address, said originally they planned to hold a scrabble tournament for ladies only, chess being a male-dominated event. However, the men objected. Filcheck received several protests from male scrabble enthusiasts that they decided to open it to both men and women.

Despite short notice, the response was tremendous. Players came from different professions, including domestic helpers.

Scrabble is enjoyed by many in the Philippines. "It is considered to be stimulating and poses a challenge," say the Filipinos.

Bandon, addressing the gathering, said he has proposed a bill in Congress to include domestic helpers in the social security system. After his brief speech, Bandon, helped by Philippine Legal Attache Loy Cortel, made the ceremonial move with the words "Study" and "Jolly".

Some 32 people participated in the preliminary stage. They were divided into Group 'A' and 'B', then grouped into fours.

Armed with a copy of the official tournament rules, and a zeal for the game, participants were glued to their seats to outwit each other for an hour for the first of four rounds in the preliminary stage.

The youngest participant was 13-year-old Judy de la Cruz, whose fighting spirit and enthusiasm kept her going despite tough opposition from other players.

Arbiters checked words, under protest, in the Webster's and Collins English dictionaries provided by the organisers.

The highest individual scorer is Susan Habos, who made a "triple word score" for the words *Feels* and *Prices*, scoring 63 points.

The first eight successful participants from each group will advance to the Championship round.

Standings

Group A: Silver Salvador 2 points, 2.

Simple Belmonte 0, 3. Ted Manlangit 1, 4. Johnny Diamante 3, 5. Judy de la Cruz 2, 6. Lory Jovero 1, 7. Babes Penalesa 0, 8. Rory Aurellano 3, 9. Rene Mostales 3, 10. Al Manlangit 2, 11. Danny Gonzales 1, 12. Joe de la Pena 0, 13. Lory Ortiz 3, 14. Susan Habos 2, 15. Carol Magsambol 0, 16. Delia Degala 1.

Schedule of games

Friday, 27 July 1990 at Kabayan Restaurant

Group A 1:00 pm/Group B 2:30 pm.

Round 2

Table 1, Player No. 1 5 9 13

Table 2, Player No. 2 6 10 14

Table 3, Player No. 3 7 11 15

Table 4, Player No. 4 8 12 16

Round 3

Table 1, Player No. 1 6 11 16

Table 2, Player No. 2 7 12 13

Table 3, Player No. 3 8 9 14

Table 4, Player No. 4 5 10 15



Above and below: some of the players in the first round.

Plaque of
appreciation

THE Arab Times has received a Plaque of Appreciation from the Kuwait International Hotel for consistent coverage of activities at the hotel. The plaque was received on behalf of Arab Times by its deputy managing editor T.W. Karwecki from International's General Manager Hermann Simon. Also present at the presentation were the hotel's staff and Arab Times advertising manager Tawfiq Mansour. Picture on left shows Karwecki (second left) receiving the plaque from Hermann Simon.

TELEVISION PROGRAMME

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoon serial
9.40 Irah Ya Simsim
10.10 Good Morning
10.15 Waad Nahaar: Arabic serial, featuring Azza Kamal, Mustafa Fahmi
11.15 Sabah Al Khair
12.00 Al Ma'sara: Arabic serial, starring Jamal Awad, Juliet Awad, Dawood Jalal...
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
1.30 Cartoons
2.00 Al Sanafir: cartoon serial
2.30 Surkhah Nadam: Gulf serial, featuring Ali Hassan, Maryam Saleh
3.00 Min Hadae Al Quran: religious programme
4.00 Time Falters: English feature film
5.30 Adventures: cartoon serial
6.00 Songs and Music
6.15 Diwanat Shuara Al Nabt
7.15 Special religious programme on the new occasion of the start of the New Hijra Year
8.30 Cultural film
9.45 Al Zaera: daily Arabic serial, starring Samiya Ayoub, Salah Qabil, Shireen, Abilah Kamel
11.00 Makhlool Ismaah Al

Mar'aa (A Creation Named Woman). "Al Talebah". Starring: Farouk Fishawi, Shahira, Tahya Karoka
12.25 News Summary
12.30 World News via Satellite
12.45 Holy Quran: Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Opening announcement & Holy Quran
6.10 Macron 1: cartoon series
6.30 The Beachcombers: Alekos, while looking for his grandfather, takes up a job with a man called Nick. He later discovers that Nick's work is illegal. Adventure.
7.00 The Natural World: "Erin... through mist of time."
8.00 News in English
8.30 Made in Kuwait: A local programme about the industrial development in Kuwait.
9.00 E.N.G.: "Your Place or Mine."
10.00 The Lenny Henry Show.
10.30 Best Seller: "Queenie" An Anglo-Indian girl leaves India to go to England after being accused of murder.
12.00 News in Brief
12.10 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown



Tonight's best-seller is Queenie, the story of an Anglo-Indian girl who goes on to become a famous actress.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Jazira Al Shaitan (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Yusra
Al Salmiya
Halawa Al Rooh (Arabic)
Starring: Kamal Shinnawi, Safiya Al Omari
Al Hamra
Taht Al Sifr (Arabic)
Starring: Najla Fathi, Salah Saadani
Drive-In
Jazira Al Shaitan (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Yusra
Al Firdous
Aakhri Ghulam (Hindi)
Starring: Mithun Chakraborthy, Sonam
Falahad Open-Air
Pyar Ke Naam Qurbaan (Hindi)
Al Fahadhel
Oru Vadakkan Veeragadha

(Malayalam)
Starring: Mammootty
Al Jahra
Ultra Force
Granada
Closed
Sulabikhat
Hanafi Al Abahu (Arabic)
Al Jleeb
Aaksharathettu (Malayalam)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Dream Team

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.37 am
Zuhr 11.54
Asr 3.30 pm
Maghreb 6.42
Isha 8.09

WHAT'S ON

Social

Summer Bazaar
July 25: All vendors of the Ladies Friendship Association summer bazaar are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday at the Crystal Room, Kuwait Regency Palace, 5-7 pm. For details contact Manal 574-9179.

Aug. 3: The Ladies Friendship Association's Big Summer Bazaar will be held in the Exhibition Hall at Kuwait Regency Palace Hotel from 9 am to 9 pm. Gift items, home products, handicrafts, toys, clothes and much more. Raffle with attractive prizes. Surprise for children. All are welcome. For details call Manal 574-9179.

Approb 'Who's Who' directory
THE Association of Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen (Approb) is planning to publish a "Who's Who" directory of prominent Pakistani professionals and businessmen resident in Kuwait by January 1991. The directory aims at providing information about all Pakistanis proficient and distinguished in their professions and businesses.

Data forms are available free of cost from Approb executive board members and other locations. For further details contact Approb on Tel. No. 2425315, Fax 523751, P.O. Box 2351, Salmiya, 22024 Salmiya, Kuwait.

A copy of the directory will be given free of charge to all individuals whose names will appear in the directory.

Filipino expats survey
The office of the welfare officer of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration is launching an initial information campaign to conduct a survey of Filipino workers in Kuwait. This will cover statistical data on the number of Filipino workers employed in the private companies and government institutions. It will also include such information as job classifications, tenure of contracts, duration of residence and other information about the workers.

The Filipino Workers Social Centre (FWSC) at the Philippine embassy is also inviting volunteers for its various social and welfare projects designed to minimise the mounting problems of overseas contract workers — thereby ensuring the general welfare of Filipinos.

The official survey form can be obtained from welfare officer, Alejandro Samia Santos at the following tel. Nos. 5329315, 5329316, 5329317, 5329318 & 5329319.

Summerbelle '90
Aug 2: United Goans Centre will hold Summerbelle '90 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. Top Ranks and Hurricane Alley in attendance. For reservations call Tony, 2612024; Cyril, 2523920; Joe, 5655140.

LIL
July 30: 10 am to 12 noon. LIL will hold a newcomer's coffee morning on Monday at the Sheraton Hotel. Mezzanine floor. Ladies new to LIL or Kuwait are welcome. For details contact Janet 2434941.

Music

Filipino rock opera
July 27: *Kailangan ka ni maria* ... If you have the talent to sing and dance and act, you may be one of the performers required in *Maria making ... tang rock opera*, a musical play to be presented by Kamay (Kalipunan ng Mapaglikhang Pinoy sa Kuwait) in co-operation with the Filipino Cultural Club (FCC) and the Philippine embassy on October 19, 1990 at the Kuwait Ice Skating Rink Theatre. The show is a folkloric stage play which will feature slow and hard rock songs, composed and adapted to dramatise the story, a Filipino rock band to play the music and some interpretative cultural dances.

Interested parties may join the audition on July 27, Friday at the Mabuhay Restaurant Ballroom from 4 pm to 8 pm. For further details, please contact any Kamay officer at their after-six headquarters, Mabuhay Restaurant.

Rock and Reggae
July 22: 'Let's Rock and Reggae', a concert with Steve Michael and the Afro Beat, will be held from 9 pm at the Holiday Inn Hotel's Grand Ballroom. Vocalist Sheryl Pereira will make a special appearance as a soloist and also join Steve in some duets. Tina Mathews will perform a Reggae dance routine. Reservations open. Tel: 2405648; 2476660; 5714340; 5721030. Tickets also available from

special desk in Holiday Inn lobby. The concert is being organised and presented by Phil Danielle. Early bookings are advised due to limited seating.

Hotels

At the Holiday Inn
Al Ahmad Coffee Shop: breakfast, lunch and dinner. Buffets featuring Continental and Oriental cuisine; emphasis on seafood.

Al Andalus Supper Club: Arabic style dining on Thursday nights; music by resident Arab band.
Friday Family Lunch, Disney Fantasy: children half price.

At the Plaza: Al Dallah Coffee Shop: international cuisine; open buffet plus menu.

Lolouwah Corner: snacks and refreshing summer drinks.
Marco Polo: Italian ambience and cuisine, particularly pasta.

At the International Fairlake, situated on the 19th floor, overlooking the coastline, it offers international cuisine; live entertainment in the evenings. Closed on Fridays.
La Palma: offers buffet as well as a la carte. Family style brunch on Fridays.

Kei: offers Japanese dining in an oriental atmosphere.
La Patisserie: selection of snacks; pianist in the evenings.
Al Waha: ice cream promotion featuring different flavours, until August 1990.

At the Sheraton: Hunt Room: Daily buffet lunch in addition to a la carte; plus griller specialties; a la carte dinner plus some specialties from Le Tarbouche; Duo Fantasy in attendance.

Riccardo Restaurant: will be open for dinner 8 pm to 11 pm with live entertainment by Regina and Frances.
Coffee Shop: breakfast, lunch and dinner: 6 am to 0100 am.

At the Meridien La Brasserie
Thai Corner: Saturday night.
Cowboy Night: Every Sunday, with live country music.
Chinese Corner: Monday night feature.

Greek Taverna: Mediterranean magic with bousouki music.

Indonesian corner: on Wednesdays; food prepared in front of you.
Jazz Night: New Orleans atmosphere on Thursday night.

Friday: Oriental luncheon buffet; family day.
Versailles: Business lunch; and a la carte dinner.

Education

British Council
The British Council is giving out information on how to get British qualifications through correspondence. Details about the names of colleges, dates and fees can be obtained from the Education Office, open from 9 am to 12.30 noon and 5 to 8 pm.



Luncheon reception

Former director of Kuwait's Commerce Ministry Mohammad Hassan Rajeh on Friday hosted a luncheon reception in honour of former Indian ambassador to Kuwait N.N. Jha at the Al Dana Restaurant. Jha, who has been appointed the next Indian High Commissioner in Sri Lanka, stopped over in Kuwait on his way to India from Belgrade to say a final farewell to his friends here. He was accompanied by his wife, Chhaya Jha, the Dean of the Diplomatic Corp, Adnan Bader.

Several ambassadors, including Bangladeshi, Tunisian, Lebanese, and Soviet, attended the luncheon.

Above: Hassan Rajeh (right) welcoming some ambassadors, including Mrs Jha and Jha, present Indian Ambassador A.K. Budhiraja. Below: some of the guests



BUSINESS & FINANCE

Badran vows to solve Jordan's unemployment

AMMAN, July 21. (Agencies): Prime Minister Mudar Badran today pledged to solve Jordan's serious unemployment problem and called on parliament for assistance.

Badran defended the rights of 190,000 foreign labourers working in Jordan but said they will gradually be replaced by Jordanians.

It was Badran's first open debate on unemployment with parliament since he took office on Dec 4. Lawmakers have been critical of his government's performance on the issue.

"The life span of this government is insufficient by any scientific standards to solve

the unemployment phenomena and to find permanent solutions to it," Badran told Parliament.

He said that this "important issue requires policies and programmes which have been adopted by his government are being implemented.

But their success necessitates your assistance and co-operation," Badran added.

According to 1989 government records, there were 500,000 employed Jordanians and 100,000 jobless in addition to the foreigners.

Jordanian economists and parliament members have given estimates of unem-

ployment as high as 30 per cent of the workforce or 150,000 jobs.

Jordan is a major exporter of skilled labour to oil-rich Gulf countries, where at least 275,000 Jordanians work.

Foreign labour in the country is estimated at 150,000 illegal workers in addition to 40,000 who have work permits.

Since January, the Labour Ministry has been gradually replacing foreigners, working without Labour Ministry licences, with Jordanians.

Some Jordanian employers prefer to hire foreigners, mainly from Egypt and Syria, who are willing to work longer hours for

lower wages than Jordanians.

Badran said his government has employed 6,750 Jordanians, who applied for jobs through the Labour Ministry, since January this year.

He vowed that Jordanians, previously dismissed for political reasons, will be reinstated to their jobs and will be given priority over others.

The premier indicated that the government will focus on vocational training with the aim of providing an additional 10,000 Jordanians with jobs this year.

Badran said that martial law, in force since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, would end

when a military court settles the Petra Bank bankruptcy or immediately if parliament wishes.

"Once the Petra case is over, martial law would be removed completely," he told parliament, adding it could be lifted now if parliament requests it. "The government is committed to your assembly... if it decided to abolish martial law now," he said.

On December 19, less than two weeks after he took office, Badran froze martial law and promised to lift it by June. Since then most offences previously dealt with by the military have been handled by civilian courts.

Speaking during a debate on unemployment, Badran gave no indication how long the military court would take to complete the Petra bankruptcy hearing.

Some deputies said the government should abolish martial law now and send the Petra Bank file to the civil courts, while others said it must be retained to ensure a swift trial.

Badran said the main reason delaying an end to martial law was the fact that the Petra case had been referred to a military court by former prime minister Sharif Zeid Bin Shaker.

Share prices decline \$500m daily transactions

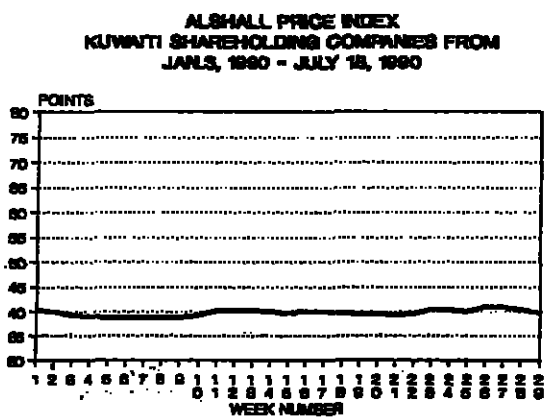
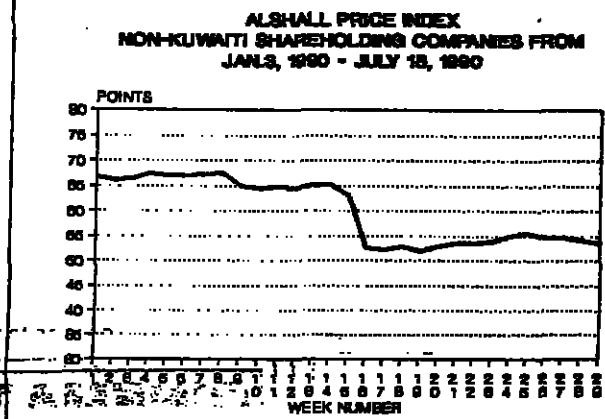
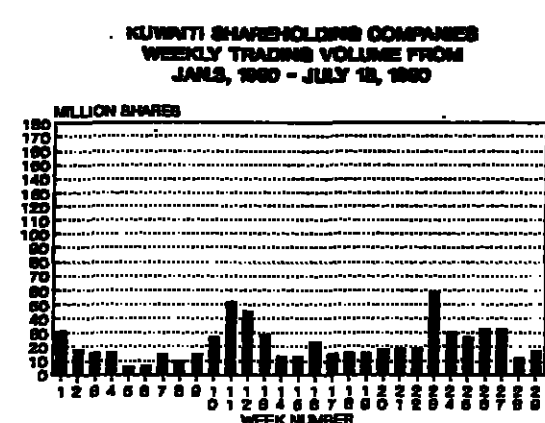
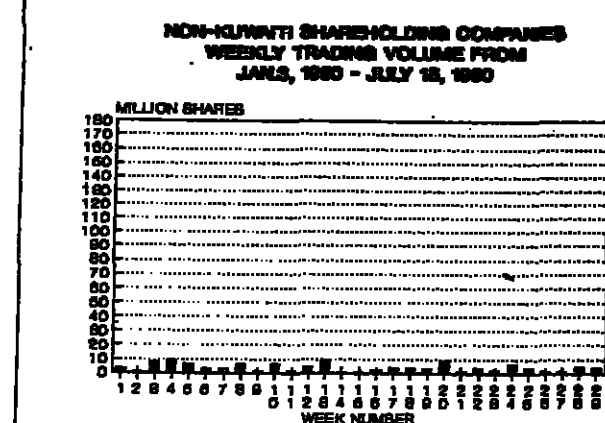
Market affected by recent political developments

ALSHALL index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday July 18, 1990 an average of 39.74 points with a decrease of 0.80 point — 1.97 per cent from last week's average of Wednesday July 11, 1990. Alshall index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 53.44 points with a decrease of 0.86 point — 1.58 per cent — for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 17.11 million shares at a daily average of 3.42 million shares with an increase of 45 per cent over previous week's daily average of 2.36 million shares. Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 3.62 million shares at a daily average of 0.725 million shares with a decrease of 25 per cent from previous week's daily average of 0.967 million shares. The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD6.07 million at a daily average of KD1.21 million, an increase of 32 per cent over last week's daily average of KD0.92 million. The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.187 million at a daily average of KD0.037 million, a decrease of 20 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.046 million.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the Banking sector came first at 46 per cent of total trading, against 49 per cent last week. National Bank of Kuwait had the lead at 40 per cent, followed by the Gulf Bank at 22 per cent and Kuwait Finance House at 15 per cent. The Investment sector came second at 43 per cent in which Coast Investment & Development Company had the lead at 57 per cent, followed by Kuwait Investment Projects Company at 38 per cent and Commercial Facilities Company at 3 per cent. The Services sector came third at 6 per cent in which Kuwait National Cinemas Company had the lead at 63 per cent, followed by Mobile Telephone Systems Company at 37 per cent. As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Bahrain International Bank had the lead at 61 per cent, followed by Sharjah Cement and Industrial Development Company at 28 per cent and Umm Al Quwain Cement Industries Company at 7 per cent.

The market showed signs of weakness which started at the beginning of the week. In the Kuwaiti shares market, prices fell while there was an increase in the quantity and value of traded shares especially towards the end of the week. As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, all three indices showed signs of decrease. The market was slightly affected by the recent political developments in the area and might have a stronger response in the following weeks. However, we believe that this is only temporary and the market will resume to reflect companies' performance after the political problems are cleared.



	Wed. 18/07/90	Wed. 11/07/90	Change points
Banking Sector			
The National Bk	133.16	135.80	-2.64
The Gulf Bk	28.94	30.36	-1.42
The Comm. Bk	23.05	23.51	-0.46
Al Ahli Bk	30.19	30.72	-0.53
Bk of Kt & ME	29.62	30.63	-1.00
Kuwait R. Est. Bk	27.51	28.43	-0.92
Burgan Bk	26.00	26.44	-0.44
Kt Finance House	84.42	85.32	-0.90
Sector Index	49.51	50.67	-1.15
Inv. Sector			
Kuwait Inv. Co.	13.22	15.98	-2.75
Kt. Inv. Co.	8.59	8.59	—
IFA	30.37	30.37	—
Comm. Facilities	154.28	160.33	-6.05
National Inv.	57.84	57.84	—
Kt. Inv. Proj.	82.02	83.15	-1.12
Coast Inv. & Dev.	87.06	89.41	-2.35
Sector Index	33.71	35.38	-1.69
Ind. Sector			
Kt. Ind. Co.	35.88	35.88	—
Kt. Ind. Co.	22.31	22.31	—
Al Ahleia Ind.	50.71	50.71	—
Warba Ind. Co.	48.20	48.20	—
Sector Index	35.38	35.38	—
Real Est. Sec.			
Kt. Real Est.	12.49	12.49	—
Utd. Realty	5.22	5.22	—
Nat. Real Est.	22.69	22.69	—
Pearl of Kt.	61.90	63.49	-1.59
Sector Index	12.94	13.03	-0.08
Ind. Sector			
Kt. Cmt. Co.	14.86	15.00	-0.14

	Wed. 18/07/90	Wed. 11/07/90	Change points
Ref. Ind.	81.26	80.16	1.10
Gulf Cables	115.35	113.13	2.22
Kt. Pharm.	61.33	62.22	-0.89
Sector Index	32.58	32.41	0.16
Services Sector			
Kt. Compt. Co.	142.56	142.56	—
Kt. Cinema Co.	10.46	10.56	-0.10
Kt. Wholing Co.	53.54	53.54	—
Kt. Comm. M. Co.	34.99	34.99	—
M. Tele. Syst.	370.00	375.00	-5.00
Sector Index	61.93	61.58	-0.35
Food Sector			
L. Trad. & Transp.	24.00	24.82	-0.81
Utd. Fisheries	13.03	13.03	—
Kt. Utd. Poultry	110.01	110.01	—
Kt. Food Co.	70.11	70.11	—
Sector Index	37.61	37.91	-0.30
Overall Index	38.74	40.55	-1.80

Alshall Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index

	Wed. 18/07/90	Wed. 11/07/90	Change points
First G. Bk.	263.16	263.16	—
Bah. Ind. Bk.	80.00	82.76	-2.76
Bah. M. E. Bk.	85.42	85.42	—
A. Gen. Inv. (Shua)	42.42	42.42	—
Umm Al Q. Cmt.	18.37	18.37	—
Sharjah Cement	23.01	23.76	-0.75
G. Med. Proj.	14.65	14.65	—
Total Index	53.44	54.30	-0.86

—Base period 31/12/1983.

—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

Bleak prospects predicted for Third World computer

Global market for software doubled in first half of '80s

GENEVA, July 21. (Kuna): Prospects for developing countries to succeed in tapping the employment and income potential of the burgeoning computer software industry do not seem too bright, according to a study by the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

In view of rapid computerization of production and other economic activities which have increased demand for computer software, many developing countries are making their first tentative moves into software design in the hope of eventually emerging as major offshore centres for software production.

However, such prospects seem bleak, the ILO says, not because of any lack of technical expertise,

but because of a variety of bottlenecks such as the absence in many Third World countries of infrastructural and other facilities.

The world market for software and computing services, which doubled in the first half of the 1980s to about \$55 billion is forecast to rise to \$163 billion by 1991 and to about \$340 billion by 1996.

"Universally, the demand for packaged software will continue to grow rapidly, while the demand for data processing will decline significantly in its relative importance, due to the advancement of the computer technology and the software engineering," the study says.

This structural change in the

software market will have an impact of the labour force, the ILO notes. In the United States, for example, employment in the software and computer services industry increased from 0.8 million in 1972 to 1.4 million in 1980 and 2.2 million in 1987, averaging an annual rate of increase of 7.72 per cent.

So far, trade in software and computer services has been largely confined within the OECD area, especially among relatively more advanced OECD countries.

This, the ILO points out, need not necessarily mean that trade in software and computer services will continue to remain a private preserve of the more advanced countries. In many

developing countries, the technological capability exists.

A survey carried out in 1985 showed that foreign and naturalised persons constituted 30 per cent of the scientists and engineers in the computer and electronic industries — a proportion much higher than the average for all industries.

Among developing countries, Brazil is by far the biggest market for computer services and software estimated at \$4,217 million in 1987.

Several other countries have made a bid to enter the software market and provide computer services during the 1980s. India's market for these services expanded rapidly from an estimated

\$111 million in 1984 to an estimated \$337 million by 1987, that of Mexico from \$65 million to \$130 million, Republic of Korea from \$50 million to \$147 million, and Singapore from \$48 million to \$129 million.

The ILO study notes, though, that there is only "marginal" collaboration between developing and developed countries in the software and computer services industry.

Moreover, lower salaries of computer personnel have only a limited implication for the international division of labour in the industry. "The technological backwardness of the Third World countries considerably offsets their labour cost advantage," the ILO says.

Kuwait banks linked to world markets

KUWAIT, July 21. (Kuna): Net average transactions of Kuwaiti commercial banks amount to \$150 to 300 million daily and bank operation rooms work round the clock to keep contact with world financial centres, said banking executives here today.

A survey conducted by Kuna showed that transactions' volume varies from bank to bank depending on the nature of activities and clients of each institution.

Sheikh Salem ends Malaysian tour

KUALA LUMPUR, July 21. (Kuna): Malaysian banking sources today said the just-concluded visit here by Kuwait's Central Bank Governor Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah had helped strengthen co-operation in banking matters between the two countries.

They said the Kuwait government, through its financial arm, the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) had invested a considerable amount of money in agricultural and industrial projects in Malaysia.

Sheikh Salem told Kuna just before flying home today that he was pleased to have met with the Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Finance Minister Daim Zaidin and Jaafar, during "our wonderful stay here."

Short-dated KD deposits ease

KUWAIT, July 21. (Reuters): Short-dated Kuwaiti dinar inter-bank deposits eased on Saturday as end-of-month salary payments began to enter the system.

Overnight, tomorrow-next and spot-next all eased to 8-1/4, 1/8 per cent compared to 8-5/8, 3/4 per cent for the overnight and 8-1/4, 1/4 per cent for tomorrow-next on Thursday. Deals were reported at 8-1/4 in all the short-dates.

One-month to three-month deposits were indicated steady at 8-5/8, 1/2 per cent and six-months at 8-7/8, 5/8 per cent.

Bombay shares

Bombay Stock Exchange prices (Rs) July 19, '90.

	Pr. Close	Open	Close
ACC	810	—	—
Adani Chem	—	—	—
Alw Nir	—	—	—
Ari Fab	—	—	—
Ashok Ley	84	87	86
Asia Paint	245	247.50	250
Cep	46	45	46
Auto Corp	70	—	—
Nat Index	489.01	—	494.52
Bajaj Auto	527.50	527.50	517.50
Bar Rayon	1095	1095	1085
Bom Dye	254	254	250
BK Bode	117	117.50	120
Burr Wel	70	70	77.50
Cen Enka	4325	4300	4175
Cen Sps	4000	4150	3950
Colgate	250	250	250
Cromt Gr	1050	—	—
DCM	33.50	34	35.50
Deep Fert	39.50	30	39.50
Dunlop	65	—	—
El Hotels	55	56	60
Escorts	108	107	108
BSE Index	941.70	—	940.73
Ekayel	147.50	151.25	147.50
Esar Sps	41.50	42.50	41.75
Food Spl	133.75	133.75	135
Forbes	61	61	63
Gar Poly	38.50	38	37.50
GE Ship	105	100	108
GNFC	10	40	39.50
Grasim	150	151	146
GE Ship	43.50	43.50	42
GSFC	225	225.50	225
Guj Alki	91	90	91.50
Guj Heavy	15.50	15	17
Heru Honda	37.50	36.50	38
Hind Bk	1150	1175	1155
Hind Lever	131.50	133	134
Hind Coca	176.25	181.25	177.50
Hind Motor	46	46.25	44.75
Hindlen	312.50	320	312.50
Hochst	2540	2475	2500
Ingersoll	250	250	255
ITC	95	97.50	95
Ind Org	62.75	63	61
Ind Rayon	126	127	124

rooms work extra hours as other departments because they are linked with world markets like Hong Kong, New York and Tokyo stock exchanges.

The high technological development in managing operation rooms in world banks have increased the volume of transactions, the executives agreed, noting that the banks provide clients with the latest world financial news.

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BUSINESS

Soviet oil cuts spell trouble for Eastern Europe

LONDON, July 21. (Reuters): Cuts in Soviet oil supplies to East bloc countries totalling seven million tonnes this year are pinching economies fighting to shake off 40 years of communist central planning. Western oil traders and analysts say.

An acute fuel shortage in Czechoslovakia led this week to a 50 per cent increase in petrol prices, but long queues of cars were still forming outside stations there.

Poland has been forced to turn to the inter-

national spot market to buy crude oil. "If Poland hadn't bought Iranian light oil from us this week we understand that they would have had to close their refineries," said one Western European trader.

"I expect to see the other Eastern bloc countries on the spot market soon," he added. Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov announced on July 7 that Soviet oil shipments to East bloc countries would be cut by seven million tonnes in 1990, forecasting difficulties

for these countries which are heavily dependent on Moscow for crude.

Western traders and analysts believe the Soviet Union is cutting its exports due to a combination of poor organisation, output shortfalls and a need for hard currency and commodities.

They said that in an unusual move Moscow was involved in grain-for-oil barter trades with two Western traders this week. "The Soviets are moving away from soft

currency oil exports to the old satellite states as fast as they can," said a trader familiar with the Soviet system. "They just can't afford it."

Hungary said last week that the Soviet Union will deliver as much as one million tonnes — some 30 per cent — less oil to the country this year than previously expected.

Western experts said Bulgaria and Poland have also had their oil deliveries severely curtailed by the Soviet Union.

Czechoslovakia said contracted Soviet oil

supplies would be down by a third — 400,000 tonnes — in July and August and there would be greater shortfalls by the end of the year.

Western Europe will have trouble in a tightening world market making up these shortfalls from elsewhere.

Hungary plans to import up to 300,000 tonnes of gasoline-rich crude by the end of August, Lajos Laszlo, a director of Hungary's National Gas and Oil Trust (OKGT), said this week.

He said the Soviet Union promised to do its utmost to fulfill contractual obligation of 6.48 million tonnes for the whole year, but he said meeting this target through extra deliveries in the fourth quarter would be technically impossible.

The Friendship pipeline, linking the Soviet Union with Hungary, has a three-month capacity of 2.1 million tonnes, 400,000 tonnes less than necessary to reach the 6.48 million tonne target, Laszlo said.

Market Roundup

Wall Street tantalized

Dow Jones index closes at 2,961.14

NEW YORK, July 21. (Reuters): The Dow Jones industrial average tantalized Wall Street again yesterday, lingering for most of the day near the milestone 3,000 level before tumbling in the last hour of trading to close at 2,961.14, down 32.67.

Oil prices continued their upward march, with the benchmark US crude closing near \$20 a barrel.

The closely watched Dow index passed 3,000 for the first time in midday trading on July 13 but has not been able to close above the psychologically important figure.

Blue chip issues sagged on Friday under the weight of disappointing corporate earnings reports, particularly in the technology sector, where stocks were broadly lower.

The expiration of July options and futures contracts frightened many sellers out of the market in the last hour, traders said.

Traders also focused on the growing divergence between the Dow, which comprises 30 heavily capitalised industrial issues, and the broader market.

The Dow has climbed almost 9 per cent this year, while the broad-based Standard & Poor's 500 has advanced only 3.5 per cent. The Nasdaq index of over-the-counter stocks is up a scant 0.75 per cent on the year.

Now that the Federal Reserve has changed its credit policy and the stock market has climbed to new record highs, what do Wall Street analysts see in the economic outlook?

Sluggish, erratic growth — the same as before. "Amid all the headlines coming out of Washington and the Wall Street markets of late, most economic forecasters have found little reason to expect any big difference in the pattern of economic activity that has prevailed for months."

True-stock-market investors have reacted enthusiastically to the federal reserve's actions at mid-July to relax its credit policy. In a move tipped off in advance by Alan Greenspan, the Fed's chairman, the Central Bank took steps to lower the interest rate on Federal funds, or overnight loans between banks, from 8.25 per cent to 8 per cent.

But the stated intent of that shift was not to stimulate business activity, but rather to offset a de facto tightening of credit brought about by increasingly stringent loan standards at many banks.

"I doubt that investors will be able to build a case that the economy will respond very significantly to this move — or even to further moves to lower interest rates," said Greg Smith, investment strategist at Prudential-Bache Securities.

"I think the Fed's moves would have to be much more dramatic or much more frequent than I anticipate to convince investors that much better economic times are ahead."

When the government reports this coming Friday on the growth of the Gross National Product in the second quarter of the year, analysts take it as a given that the figures will be anemic.

"The US economy remains in a sluggish state," says the Merrill Lynch market letter in its current issue.

"We estimate growth the June quarter was a lackluster 1.3 per cent, and we think increases of less than 2 per cent are likely over the next few quarters."

Such assessments helped blunt the stock market's rally in the past week.

The New York stock exchange composite index fell 2.68 to 197.65, the Nasdaq composite index for the over-the-counter market tumbled 13.17 to 455.27, and the American stock exchange market value index was down 3.54 at 360.45.

Volume on the big board averaged 166.96 million shares a day, against 171.27 million the week before.

Whatever the Fed is up to, many analysts believe consumer spending, a primary factor setting the course of the economy, is likely to remain subdued at best.

"Looking beyond the erratic and often revised monthly changes in retail sales, recent underlying trends have been disappointing and should remain so," said Maury Harris, economist at PaineWebber Inc.

"Purchasing power is waning with softer labour markets. Consumer confidence — a leading indicator — also is waning. The likely continued weakness in home sales will reduce purchases of home furniture and furnishings."

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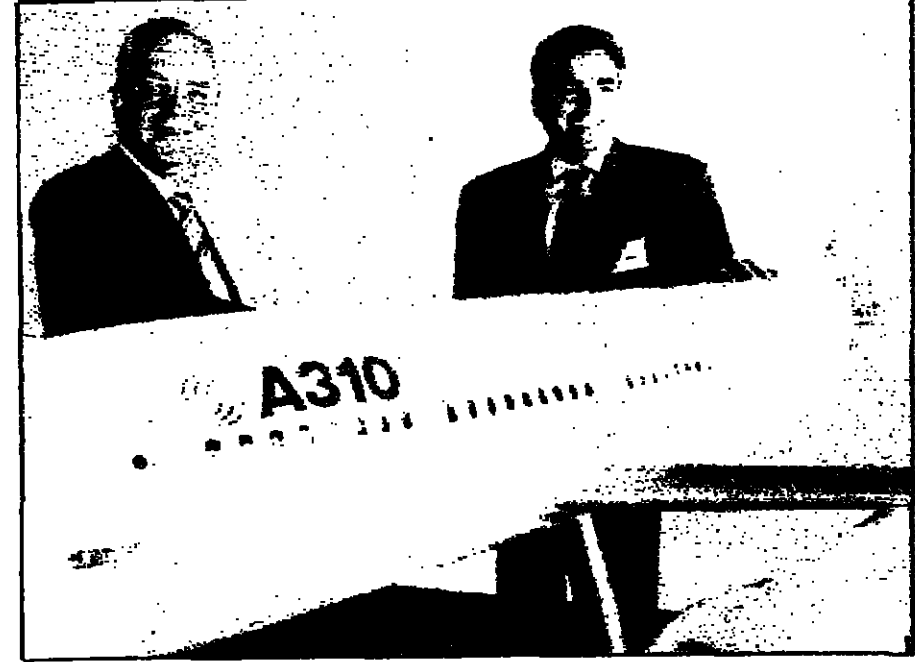
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"This expansion can, should and most likely will continue for some time to come," he said.



\$250 million order

Romanian Prime Minister Petre Roman is seated at the controls of an Airbus A310 during his visit to Toulouse, France, on July 19 where Romania placed an order for three Airbus A310-300s worth \$250 million. Picture to the right shows Roman (right) and Herbert Floersdorff (left), operations



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manager at the European Airbus consortium stand behind a model of an Airbus A310. (Reuters wirephoto)

Week in Business

Week ends on a sour note

Citicorp declines

NEW YORK, July 21. (UPI): Wall Street stole the spotlight on the business scene this week as the Dow Jones industrial average first broke above the watershed 3000 mark, but mixed corporate results damped the euphoria and the week's party ended on a sour note.

The closely watched Dow Jones industrial average fell just a quarter of a point short of the 3000-point level Monday and Tuesday, propped up by healthy earnings reported by GTE, IBM, Merrill Lynch, Upjohn and Wells Fargo.

But a disappointing report by United Telephone and Telegraph Co., confirming an earlier earnings projection, also announced lower profits, which the company said reflected depressed business products sales.

Nor did bank's earnings help the market out. Citicorp said its second-quarter earnings declined 37 per cent to \$248 million, or 64 cents a share.

The largest US bank holding company cited increasing real estate credit problems and lower financial revenues for the poor performance. Also, chemical banking was off 12 per cent from year-ago earnings, while manufacturers Hanover announced a 69 per cent profit decline.

Washington did not have much good news to report about the economy either. The United States again failed to significantly curb its trade deficit, which rose 2.3 per cent to \$7.73 billion in May, despite relatively strong exports at \$32.79 billion.

But imports rose 2.9 per cent to \$40.52 billion, with foreign cars and oil imports being the main culprits for the larger monthly trade deficit. The federal budget deficit remained a headache on Capitol Hill, where the house, refusing to

'States losing striving edge'

WASHINGTON, July 21. (AP):

President George Bush's chief economic adviser is taking out after "prophets of decline-ism" who are forecasting America is fast becoming a second-rate economic power.

Michael Boskin, chairman of the president's council of economic advisers, says he is tired of hearing America is losing its competitive edge to countries such as Japan or that the country is losing control of its economic destiny to foreign investors who are buying up America.

"The United States has not lost and is not losing its position as the world's leading economic power," Boskin said Thursday in a speech to the US Chamber of Commerce. "The fact is that with less than 5 per cent of the world's population, we produce 26 per cent of the world's Gross National Product," Boskin said.

Deficit

Boskin conceded that the country does face problems, listing in particular the need to shrink the federal budget deficit and improve a weak elementary and secondary school system, which he called "an outright disgrace and a ticking time bomb."

But Boskin said the United States can master the political will to correct its own problems. "The real challenges facing the American economy are significant, but this does not mean that the US economy will inevitably become second-class as the prophets of decline-ism would have us believe," Boskin said in a speech previewing economic themes likely to be used by Republicans during the fall congressional campaigns.

"The United States is large and strong, indeed pre-eminent in the world. Its future is neither bleak nor predetermined," he said. "Our destiny is overwhelmingly in our own hands."

Boskin attacked Democratic critics who have been pushing for the administration to close US markets to foreign goods in retaliation for other countries erecting barriers to American products. He said it is "wrongheaded" to call for the federal government to take a more active role in promoting commercial research and development projects normally done by private industry.

Promoting

This approach, sometimes called an industrial policy, is modeled after the success, Japan's powerful Ministry of International Trade and Industry has supposedly achieved in promoting the economic interests of Japanese business.

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Separate currencies 'devastating'

Soviet republics' actions counter-productive

MOSCOW, July 21. (AP): The creation of new currencies by independence-minded Soviet republics could be "devastating" for the Kremlin's attempt to integrate its sickly economy into the global economy, European Community chairman Jacques Delors said yesterday.

Four of the 16 Soviet republics have said they want to replace the non-convertible rouble with their own currencies, although none has done so yet.

and other republics want to introduce their own currencies. I think that at this stage of economic reforms, that step would have devastating consequences."

The Parliament of the Ukraine, the second most populous republic, announced plans for its own currency Monday, when it declared its laws would now take precedence over national laws. The Baltic Republics of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia say they have similar plans.

During his three-day visit, Delors met with President Mikhail Gorbachev, Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov, Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and Gorbachev's economic adviser Leonid Abalkin.

He said he believes Gorbachev has the political will to make major economic reforms, but he would not comment on how much Western help he thinks is needed.

European Community leaders meeting in Dublin last month reaffirmed their support for Gorbachev's policy of perestroika, or economic and social restructuring, but fended off a Franco-German push for an immediate \$1 billion aid package.

Instead, they asked the community's executive body, the European Commission, to study the Soviet's economic problems and recommend ways to help. Delors heads the commission.

"I'm not ready to give any piece of advice because I'm but a guest here, but the Soviet Union has been and remains a major power," Delors said.

Delors said he doubted the EC would accept any new members before 1992 when all trade barriers are to be dropped among the existing 12-member nations. Britain, France, Italy, West Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Denmark, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Greece and Luxembourg.

Four other countries have applied for membership — Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Austria — and the emerging Eastern European democracies have also expressed interest.

However, Frans Andriessen, the EC's vice-president and commissioner for external relations, said he hopes formal talks can begin by the end of the year for a loose association between the community and countries such as Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.



An elderly Soviet woman looks at sparsely stocked shelves in a Moscow foodstore on July 19. European Commission President Jacques Delors is currently in Moscow to discuss European economic aid to the Soviet Union. (Reuters wirephoto)

Soviets tighten border controls

Smuggling, profiteering

MOSCOW, July 21. (AP): The Soviet Union is tightening its border controls because of smuggling and profiteering that has stripped store shelves in the Western part of the country, Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov announced yesterday.

Also yesterday, Mikhail Gorbachev's top advisers met to outline long-delayed reforms for salvaging the Soviet economy, Gorbachev said that his concept for a union of sovereign republics and the transfer to a market economy are linked.

In a nationally televised address, Ryzhkov said the border restrictions, which were relaxed in September 1988, are being tightened temporarily because of the "abnormal" situation on the western Soviet border. He did not elaborate on what the tighter restrictions would entail.

Ryzhkov said Soviets and residents of unspecified adjacent countries were taking advantage of the considerably cheaper-priced Soviet consumer goods and engaging in smuggling and rampant black-marketeering.

Soviets and foreigners are stripping the shelves in the western part of the country, with the situation threatening to become uncontrollable, Ryzhkov said.

He said he signed a decision on Thursday to repeal the simplified rules for crossing the Soviet border until such time as border and customs services can ensure normal relations with neighbouring nations.

The simplified rules loosened restriction on residents of border areas for crossing the frontier and exporting goods. Recently, however, customs officials have been rigorously searching vehicles to look for goods taken out of the Soviet Union.

On Thursday, Poland said it was seeking the lifting of travel restrictions imposed on foreign visitors to the western Ukrainian city of Lvov, where authorities have barred tourists' cars and said scarce goods will be confiscated.

In recent months, Poles have gained a reputation as voracious traders, buying up state-subsidized goods in the Soviet Union such as televisions, jewellery, caviar and gasoline.

Ryzhkov also said in his address that salaries of workers in the fields of education and culture would be raised next year, rather than in 1992 as originally planned.

At the Kremlin meeting of the presidential council and the federal council, Gorbachev's top two advisory groups, Ryzhkov outlined his government's plan for the transfer to a market economy beginning in 1991, the Tass News Agency reported.

Yeltsin sets radical economic programme

MOSCOW, July 21. (UPI): Boris Yeltsin has drafted a 500-day economic plan to privatise all property, free all prices and end all state subsidies in the Russian Republic in a head-on challenge to Mikhail Gorbachev, the Interfax news service said yesterday.

Gorbachev, trying to keep pace with the populist president of the Russian Federation, called together his presidential council and Council of the Federation to accelerate his own drive for a market economy and a new national compact with the 15 republics.

"A transition to a regulated market economy and development of a new union treaty are two sides of the same coin," the official Tass news agency quoted Gorbachev as saying.

But in place of exhortations, Yeltsin's brain trust leaked an 18-month plan to free the economy of the total state ownership and planning in force since 1928, when Josef Stalin introduced his series of five-year plans.

Called the "500-day confidence mandate," Yeltsin's plan would be in full force when Gorbachev's more moderate programme, pending approval by the Soviet Parliament, starts on Jan 1 next year.

"Large-scale privatisation and free pricing designed to boost economic reforms are essential to the programme," Interfax said of Yeltsin's strategy.

Yeltsin's truly revolutionary plan for the largest Soviet Republic, which covers three-quarters of the country and has half its population of 290 million, would abolish the industrial ministries that are the linchpins of central planning.

The radical blueprint would also allow foreigners to buy unfinished construction sites and condemn bankrupt enterprises to closure — a step Gorbachev has failed to take in five years at the helm, even though 13 per cent of all Soviet businesses require heavy subsidies to stay afloat.

Officials said Dunkel at this stage will not even try to referee the US-EC fight over the extent of reductions of European farm export subsidies and American farm supports.

In the textiles and clothing sector, a draft text so far simply lays out four conflicting positions on phasing out the protectionist Multi Fiber Agreement,

ICL negotiation fuels EC debate

LONDON, July 21. (UPI): The probable purchase of Britain's largest computer company, ICL, by Japan's Fujitsu Corp., has fueled a debate on how the European Community should deal with advances by major Japanese competitors.

Reports on Thursday said the negotiations were at an advanced stage and virtually irrevocable, and that a formal offer of an estimated £600 million (\$1.09 billion) was expected from Fujitsu within three weeks.

Members of the European Computer Industry reached with shock at the deal, which would be the first major move into the European market by a Japanese company. It could herald approaches by other Japanese

companies eager to enter the European market before it integrates in 1992.

Francis Lorentz, chairman of the state-owned French Bull Company, said ICL had chosen a short-term course for profits at the expense of its technological independence.

Lorentz told the Financial Times that the lesson for European companies was to have long-term research and development strategies, and to collaborate more with each other.

The European commissioner for research and technology policy, Maria Filippo Pandolfi, said he was concerned about the loss of crucially important areas of Europe's electronics industry.

Reindeer herds threaten northern Norway ecology

Lapps battle population explosion

KARASJOK, Norway, (Reuters): Norway's Lapps struggling to maintain their ancient Arctic traditions of fishing and reindeer herding, have an unexpected problem — a reindeer population boom.

"We have too many reindeer," said Kjell Saether, mayor of Karasjok, a town set among stunted pine and birch trees where temperatures can plunge to 50 degrees below zero Celsius (minus 58 Fahrenheit) in the permanent winter darkness.

The Norwegian Lapps, the

biggest group of a semi-nomadic people who also live in Finland, the Soviet Union and Sweden, have around 200,000 reindeer. But herds are threatening the local ecology by eating too much moss and other vegetation.

"Maybe there have never been so many, the numbers are too high for nature to support," Saether said. "The authorities say there should be around 160,000."

The reindeer population explosion, partly due to Lapps building up herds in the hope of

higher prices, is the opposite of problems faced by many others in the north of Norway, where fish stocks have plunged and many industries have collapsed.

The Lapps, who speak a language related to Finnish and have lived in the barren Arctic for at least 2,000 years, want to avoid a major cull which might further depress reindeer prices.

One possibility is a tax on having more reindeer than needed to support a family — around 400-500 animals.

"Some people herding rein-

deer have very many reindeer, we've been speaking about how to get more equal numbers," said Per Edvard Klemetsen, administrator of the Lapps' 39-member parliament which was opened last year.

Despite reindeer overpopulation, Lapp rivalries mean hundreds of reindeer get stolen — sometimes vanishing over the nearby Finnish border in a blizzard in the winter dark.

Saether said there are reports that 250 stolen reindeer had been found dead recently with their

ears cut off.

Reindeer ownership is shown by marks on the ears rather than by brands on the body, and it can get confused when herds meet. Slicing off ears is an easy way of concealment.

The Lapps, small, dark-skinned people who prefer to be known as Samis, are also trying to expand markets for reindeer. "We've not been clever at marketing," Saether said.

A reindeer costs between 1,200 and 1,500 crowns (\$184 and 230). Reindeer meat is a common dish

in Scandinavia — dried heart is a Lapp speciality — hides are sold as rugs or blankets, horns are carved into souvenirs such as knife handles.

Japan buys large amounts of reindeer horn and grinds it into powder — in Japan a small amount under the tongue is believed to be an aphrodisiac. "I've never tried it," said Saether, wearing a traditional embroidered blue, red and gold sami tunic.

Even though only five to 10 per cent of Lapps are directly

involved in traditional reindeer herding, often camping out in tents made of hides, the Lapps are trying to expand their other activities, such as tourism, farming and fishing.

In Karasjok, the centre of the Lapp culture in Norway, a 40 million crown (\$6.1 million) centre for visitors is due to open this summer, with a hotel and stores for local foods and handicrafts. About 120,000 people visit Karasjok every year.

Most Lapps have forsaken

traditional tents for the wooden houses typical of Norwegians in northern Norway while herders have given up sledges for snowscooters. Most wear jeans and sweaters instead of traditional dress.

The gradual opening of the Soviet border, a boundary which the Lapps have never recognised, also means the Lapps can visit their cousin in the Soviet Union and perhaps find new markets. Norway's Lapps produce a surplus of farm goods.

'Red art has put me in the black'

By Peter Millership

LONDON, July 21. (Reuters): "Red art has put me in the black," says London art dealer Roy Miles, elegantly dressed and sipping the morning's first glass of vintage champagne.

"This is the greatest exhibition of Russian realist art ever staged in the West," adds Miles, whose gallery is currently showing 270 paintings and drawings.

The show includes pictures of Russian churches in wintry landscapes, birch forests and sunny village scenes as well as portraits of granite-jawed soldiers and grimy steel workers.

Soviet socialist realism, dismissed for decades by some critics as obsequious to the state, is making a big splash on the world art scene. "Realist art is the red blood of Russia, the real grit of Russia," says Miles.

Known in the art world for his astute eye and lavish parties, Miles has one of the biggest private galleries in London's exclusive Mayfair district.

In the last five years he has emerged as a top dealer in Soviet realist art for which, in the age of glasnost and perestroika, he has found an eager clientele.

With an ebullient personality and silver-grey hair immaculately styled, Miles, who is in his mid-50s, cuts a colourful figure but shudders at being described as flamboyant, saying he suspects it is a code word for "vulgar."

The workaholic art dealer travels through the Soviet Union with his faithful assistant James Butterwick, who attended Britain's elite Eton school and whom he calls "my artistic Jeeves."

Last year one of Miles' fellow dealers, a Frenchman, was kidnapped and murdered on a buying trip to the Soviet Union. Miles now takes a bodyguard with him and employs an ex-KGB officer as a driver.

Visiting artists' studios — and anywhere he can discover paintings — Miles takes with him thousands of pounds (dollars) worth of gifts. "Chanel No. 5 for the girls, ties for the boys."

Miles, who has been a dealer for 20 years, favours realist painters over abstract artists. Realists, he says, reach into the soul of the Soviet Union.

The works on show at his gallery range in price from £900 (\$1,600) to £64,000 (\$115,000).

"Anybody who buys, now, like great Victorian paintings, will see prices go up by several hundred per cent in the next few years," says Miles, who helped to make the market in English sporting pictures.

"Boris Rybchenkov's drawings are cameras of Soviet history," he says. "Building the Moscow Metro, flying boats and high Stalinist architecture."

Sergei Chepik, for whom he is staging a one-man show later this year and who has works in the current exhibition, was awarded France's Gold Medal of the Salon D'Automne last year.

Israel Zohar, whose atmospheric interiors are influenced by Vermeer, recently completed a portrait of the Princess of Wales which Miles had on show in his office.

"Isn't she gorgeous?" asked Miles, an ardent monarchist. The princess was due to see the painting — commissioned by a British army regiment, on the day of the interview, but was forced to postpone because Prince Charles had broken his arm.

"The palace called, she's tending to him," explains Miles.

Miles' lifestyle and successes — he counts actor Michael Caine, composer Andrew Lloyd-Webber and many of the rich and famous amongst his clients — have brought art world criticism.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

Digestive system may be sensitive to fibre overload

QUESTION: I enjoy reading your column and wonder if you will now answer a question for me? Last week I had a bran cereal breakfast, and then for lunch I ate a meal including broccoli, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy. When returning to my apartment, I just about had to run to get to the bathroom. Was it the bran, or the coffee or what? Something really worked on my bowels.

ANSWER: A bran cereal can be a rich source of dietary fibre, but so are broccoli and potatoes. It sounds like you experienced the results of a "fibre overdose," which can occur when you consume a great deal of fibre all at once, more than your digestive tract is used to handling.

There is no question that dietary fibre can be an excellent part of a healthy diet. It is found in plant foods such as whole grains, fruits and vegetables, and in the past was known to be helpful in "cleaning you out."

After food is digested in the upper gastrointestinal tract, much of the fibre arrives in the colon relatively unchanged. There the fibre can absorb water, which increases the weight of the stool, as well as expanding its bulk. This increase in volume creates a pressure within the colon and boosts the muscular action of the colon wall, which propels the material out of the system. High fibre stools are usually softer and more pliable than those with little fibre, and are easily propelled by the colon. The rest, as in your case, is history. However, you can overcome this difficulty by adding fibre-rich foods to your diet in small amounts. Gradually your digestive system becomes adapted to the content and size of your stool and can handle it quite easily.

The benefits of fibre-rich diet are many, including reduction in blood cholesterol and possibly preventing colon cancer, so this diet deserves another chance. Until you do adapt, however, you had best take your meals a bit closer to home.

QUESTION: I'm presently 48 years old. Both my parents had colon cancer, father at age 67 and mother at age 51. Recently on colonoscopy, two polyps were removed from my colon, both found to be benign. My doctor wishes to wait three years for my next examination, but I read that the American Cancer Society recommends two successive years with normal findings before waiting three to five years. Do you think an exam every three years is sufficient for someone with my history?

ANSWER: While the American Cancer Society recommendations are valuable guidelines, each patient must be viewed as an individual, with medical care organised and given to meet with their special needs. The discovery of the polyps, to my way of thinking, is sufficient reason for you to have an examination on a yearly basis until you have a negative result for two years in a row, then three years between examination seems reasonable. Your family history is strong indication to follow this schedule.

Another precaution you might wish to perform on your own is a yearly stool examination for blood, using one of the many home kits now on the market. Though not always 100 per cent accurate they are sufficiently so to serve as a valuable resource for you, in between your yearly scoping. Your local office of the American Cancer Society can provide you with the written guidelines to show your physician. If that doesn't convince him, there are plenty of others who do believe that timely examinations are necessary.



River Thames viewed from the top of Tower Bridge.

Tranquil retreats overrun by tourists

Inescapable forays into London

By Alexander MacLeod

LONDON, (CSM): As you grow older, they say, policemen look younger. With London I find myself having a similar problem: The passing of time makes it seem ever more sprawling — that much harder to encompass in a single journey. So it seems prudent to concentrate on the places you really like and forget about the spaces in between.

Putney, the leafy southwest part of the metropolis where I live amid spacious villas set in ample grounds, may not be an entire world away from the narrow streets and terraced houses of Hampstead, another of the city's more salubrious suburbs. But in thick traffic it can take an hour or two to make the 10-mile uphill journey, and this can curb enthusiasm for the attractions of the northwest postal area.

So, except for inescapable forays into the West End to earn a crust or spend money in the stores, there is pressure on Londoners to stay put and regard the areas where they live as villages, sufficient unto themselves. (Which is a pity, because after 25 years here (I grew up in New Zealand) I have found that London's charm lies largely in its less-frequented places where the comparatively intimate, small-scale nature of the things can make them so delightful.

If you do not make journeys to your favourite places, I believe, you are not really living in London — only in a part of it.

Hampstead, in fact, offers a case in point. To me there is hardly a spot in London more agreeable to visit than Keats's House, where the poet wrote "Ode to a Nightingale." He composed it in the garden under a mulberry tree which still flourishes in front of the modest house where he met Fanny Brawne a year before his death in Rome.

Fanny's engagement ring is among the relics in the bedrooms within.

In the garden of Keats's House today your ears would have to work overtime to detect the music of nightingales, but the spot still exudes the atmosphere of an English romantic poet's musings. Only prudence stifles the urge to write poetry of your own there. To me, it is a far better place to be than even the beautiful and much larger Kerwood House, a mile away on the edge of Hampstead Heath, with its Rembrandts and Gainsboroughs and the lakeside theatre where concerts are held in summer.

London's delicious spots are not confined to its remotest parts. Quite a few



The Houses of Parliament in the background. In the foreground is the embankment of the River Thames.

people who enter the very heart of the city and stop to gaze at the Palace of Westminster, seat of the mother of parliaments and now scrubbed clean, are tempted to stroll a little ways eastward along the banks of the Thames and gaze down into the waters that the Romans rightly saw as the throbbing artery of Londinium. But few venture further and penetrate the Victoria Embankment Gardens, almost hidden between the Thames and that fume-laden thoroughfare, the Strand.

Instead of getting off at Temple underground station, I often choose to alight one stop earlier and walk the extra distance through the gardens. They are an open-air museum of Victoriana. Along a path winding from a bandstand, a dozen memorials evoke an era: There is the Scots poet Robert Burns, looking as though he is about to burst out of his bronze statue. There is Robert Raikes, founder of Sunday Schools, and Sir Wilfrid Lawson, enthusiast for public drinking fountains — both solemn and unyielding.

A bust of the otherwise forgotten Sir Joseph Bazalgette, "engineer of the London main drainage system," is only a short distance from what for me is one of the most extravagant lesser monuments in the world. Sir Arthur Sullivan, composer of the D'Oyly Carte comic operas, is memorialized on a plinth draped by a distraught, weeping woman representing

Music. It is absolute sentiment, total melancholy, and it always makes me smile.

Like much of London, the gardens feel as though they have been there for a very long time. According to the historian Tacitus it was the Romans who first thought of "embanking" the Thames, but today's gardens are almost modern by London standards. They were developed in 1870 at expense on the river's "slimy shore," to the delight of Charles Dickens.

I write as though strolling in tucked-away places is the only bearable pastime for a Londoner keen to do something other than earn a living. With four full-size symphony orchestras, two opera houses, a couple of major theatrical complexes, and dozens of commercial theaters, that would be a slight exaggeration.

But there are plenty of reasons to make you think twice before venturing into what Dr Samuel Johnson used to call the "Great Wen," or carbuncle, of London, and sampling its more predictable pleasures.

One Saturday night friends invited my wife and me to a play. We drove to the theatre on the edge of Soho, and because it was beginning to rain, I deposited my wife at the theatre, saying I would meet her before the curtain went up. As a downpour began, I headed off to look for parking.

Two hours later, I was still looking. I missed Oscar Wilde's "Salome" entirely (though some might also say luckily).

Within a two-mile radius there had not been a single car space available — either in parking lots or at the curb. I swore I would never drive to the theatre again.

There are ways to avoid having to battle your way across London, even to work. Modern technology enables me to send stories and receive lengthy documents from around the world without leaving my computer terminal at home. But though the temptation is strong to maroon myself for good in the city's verdant southwest, and regard the rest of London as a distant country, there would be sacrifices.

They might seem small, but for me they are the things that give London its special flavour. For instance, I know another garden that to me takes first prize as a place of delight. I do not visit it often, but I would hate to think I could not go there.

The garden is less than a mile from the roaring traffic of Oxford Circus, and about the same distance from the thundering trains as they enter and leave Euston Station. When you arrive, there are flower beds behind a high hedge and benches to sit on. Always, it seems, a gardener is trimming the roses. It is a nearly silent place, and as far as I know, it does not even have a name.

When London's last tranquil retreat has been overrun by tourists, and the city decides to seize up entirely, I am counting on my garden still being there. Do I hear you asking: Where is this place?

Well, there is a problem about that. You see, it is a secret garden, and in the midst of 8 million Londoners perhaps you will agree that there are some things it would be rash to blab about.

The statesman William Ewart Gladstone said the best way to see London was from the top of a double-decker bus. But there are other ways, too.

● Underground: Covering 630 square miles, the underground has 260 route-miles of track. Some parts of London south of the Thames are under-served by the "Tube," but it is by far the fastest means of transport. You can take it from Heathrow Airport direct to Piccadilly Circus. One-day passes are a cheap way to criss-cross the city. The Underground is gradually getting a facelift, and buskers (street musicians) can add variety to journeys.

● Taxis: Still chunky and square and driven mostly by cheeky chappies with "the knowledge" — an encyclopedic memory of London streets essential to hold a license. There is a leavening of red, white, blue and other colours among the traditional black cabs.

Sounds great

BLUES: Koko Taylor, "Jump for Joy" (Alligator, al 47841) Etta James, "Stickin' To My Guns" (Island, 42 926-4).

If Koko Taylor were a football player, she'd be a powerful, battering-ram fullback, the kind who never fails on third down.

On "Jump for Joy" she still shows the same power and fire she had when she gave up cleaning houses for a living to become a Willie Dixon protégé in Chicago. The album is full of south side grit and growl from start to finish, rougher than a midnight ride on the El and stronger than the bears' defensive line.

She scores with her usual themes of love, bad love and bawdy love on "Can't Let Go," "Stop watching Your enemies," "I don't want no kifers" and "The Eyes don't lie." Her rendition of Ted Nugent's "Hey Baby" is especially punchy and the lament of "Time Will Tell" and "Tired of That" cut deep into the soul. The title song easily lives up to its billing and "Fishing Trip" is another house rocker.

Lonnie Brooks lends vocal help and a stinging guitar on "It's a Dirty Job" as Taylor sings, "All These men keep chasing me but when you get down to it, it's a dirty job but somebody's got to do it." The song nicely characterises the album — raw and raunchy.

Etta James is dressed in gun-fighter drag on the cover of her new album but if she were a football player, she'd be a running back, too, but a little shifter and more versatile than Taylor.

With crisp production and a lively horn section, James is seductive and soulful on "Whatever gets you through the night" and "Love to Burn" and her run at "Your good thing (is about to end)" can stand proudly next Bill Withers' version.

She even works her blues around the rhymes of rapper Def Jef on "Get funky," without betraying her genre. The slow, spare mood of Tony Joe White's "Out of the rain" creates an irresistible gospel tone and she comes on like Patty Austin on "Stolen Affection," "A Fool in Love" and "I've got dreams to remember," a couple of songs that were regional hits for honky-tonker Delbert McClinton, fit nicely into the James repertoire.

Back to the football metaphor. If Koko's team, in the form of "Jump for Joy," were to play "Etta's Stickin' to my guns" team, it would probably be Etta by a field goal.

● Classical: Gennadi Rochdestvensky, USSR Ministry of Culture Orchestra, "Glazunov: Symphonies Nos. 1 and 7" (Melodiya, 100).

Sure you like Tchaikovsky, but you can't listen to the same six symphonies the rest of your life. That's what Glazunov is for.

You won't find the same pathos. Tchaikovsky, as George Bernard Shaw once put it, could induce an undertaker to produce his handkerchief. But Glazunov's music has fine melody, and grand sweep, and when played well it's a nice Hi-Fi experience, too.

Glazunov is played well here. His first symphony is a lovely work that sounds to this listener like the composer was infatuated with Schumann, especially the Schumann of the "Rhenish" symphony. The Seventh Symphony is more accomplished in some technical details, but the thrust is still more folksy than academic. The Soviet Ministry of Culture Symphony is in good form on both. The winds do especially well, and in a firm, organic sound most common in the west instead of the usual oversweet east style.

Riccardo Chailly, Berlin Radio Symphony, "Bruckner: Symphony in D Minor, No. 8" (London, 421 593).

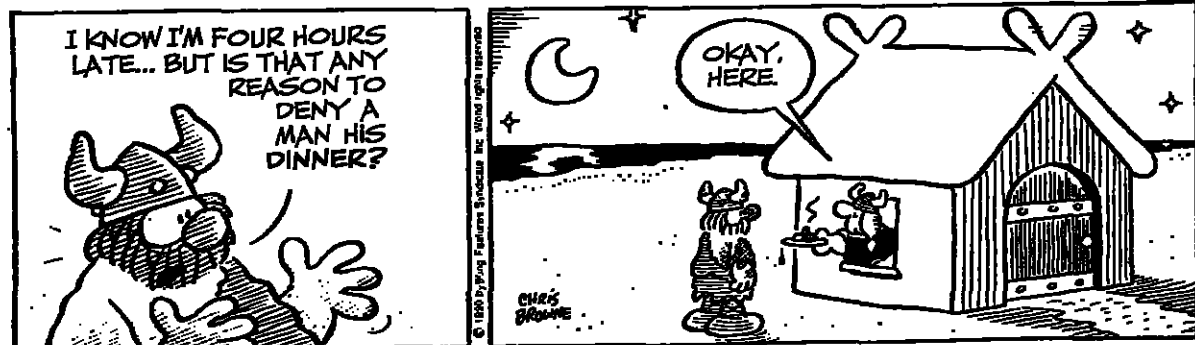
Some people hate Bruckner. In the words of Steve Martin, they hail his work as ponderous.

Some people love Bruckner. They're the sort of people who like to declare to a record store clerk that Bruckner's 8th (or the 9th or the 7th or the 4th) is the greatest symphony ever written, then they stand there defying the clerk to differ with them.

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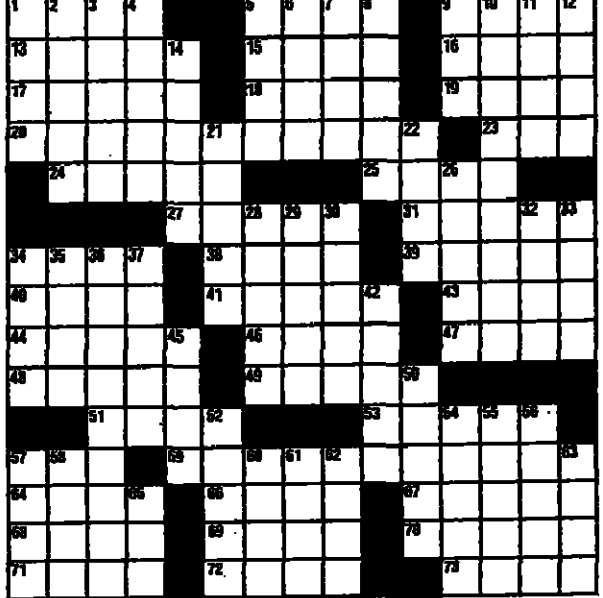
B.C. — By Johnny Hart



HE-MAN — By G. Fortini & J. Shull



TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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 - 15 De Falla's "El — brujos"
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 - 17 Knickknack
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 - 20 Clear
 - 23 Also, in Aachen
 - 24 More like a fox
 - 25 Resembling a steeple
 - 27 Decipher
 - 31 Cooking oil source
 - 34 Composer for the well-tampered clavier
 - 38 Academy Award winner for "Hud"
 - 39 South African village
 - 40 Spanish stew
 - 41 Measuring device
 - 43 Hot spot in Sicily
 - 44 Basin for holy water
 - 46 Dessert treat, in Spain
 - 47 New Jersey team
 - 48 Pan fry
 - 49 Sharpener
 - 51 Navigational aid
 - 53 Fate
 - 57 Clear
 - 64 One of seven, for short
 - 65 Lake seen from Buffalo
 - 67 Get away from
 - 68 Facilitate
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 - 6 Sleeve style
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 - 19 Of the ear
 - 21 Roman naturalist
 - 23 — California
 - 24 General Bradley
 - 25 Rich source
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 - 27 Saw, in reverse
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 - 29 Split
 - 30 Prescribed amounts
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 - 32 Saddle and bridle
 - 33 Author/anthropologist
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 - 37 "Enigma"
 - 38 Variations" composer
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 - 41 G. Stein
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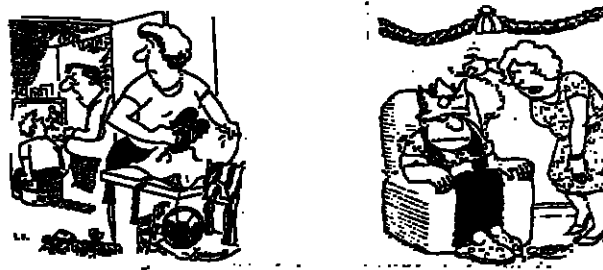
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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

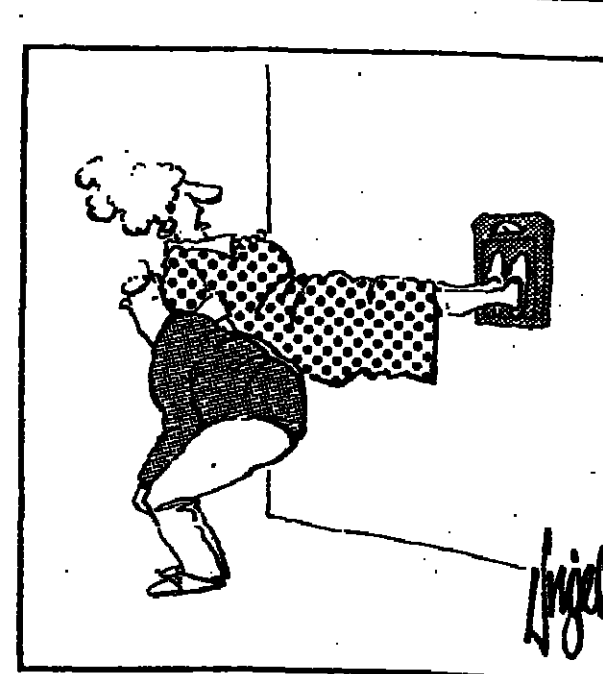
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- Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**
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The bidding has proceeded:
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3 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?



"There has to be SOME..."

YOUR STARS

- Aries** March 21 - April 20
You will tend to take rather too much for granted and should try to restrain yourself from so doing. Do not ask for more than you know you deserve. Dress correctly for the occasion and the climate. Be pleasant.
- Cancer** June 21 - July 20
If you ask for or expect more than you deserve you will not get it. What you had hoped would happen will not but then nor will what you feared might. Make sure one of your children does not feel favoured over another. Be moderate.
- Libra** Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
The more you can rely on yourself the less likely are others to disappoint you. Your lucky numbers are 15 and 37. You are more liable to lose things so do take extra care. Beware especially when you are doing anything that involves unfamiliar physical movements.
- Capricorn** Dec. 21 - Jan. 19
If you are invited do not be late and do not stay longer than you feel welcome. You will have a good opportunity but if you delay you are liable to miss it. Avoid taking so much exercise that you strain yourself. Be receptive.
- Taurus** April 21 - May 20
You will not have time to do all you would like to do so try to be a little more selective. Make sure you do not act carelessly when driving or walking. Avoid eating or drinking more than is good for you. Be polite.
- Leo** July 21 - Aug. 21
Give others the benefit of any doubt and do not try to steal anyone's glory. You should be receptive to new ideas. If you make too big a fuss you will only show yourself up, but you should not take too much for granted either. Be gentle.
- Scorpio** Oct. 23 - Nov. 22
You cannot rely on matters that have not changed for ages to remain the same for much longer. You will receive a response to one of your initiatives but it will not be all that you had hoped for and half expected.
- Aquarius** Jan. 20 - Feb. 19
Do your best to avoid leaving things to chance. Instead of expecting others to attend only to what you have to say you should listen carefully to them. A bill you thought you had paid is still outstanding. Be tolerant.
- Gemini** May 21 - June 20
You are rather liable to get out of practice and should do all you can to avoid it. Also take regular but not too hectic exercise. Try to impress others by all means, but not by ostentation. Be tactful.
- Virgo** Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
There is a tendency toward anxiety and you should do all you can to calm yourself. Face events as they come and whilst anticipating as much as possible try not to exaggerate the negative angle. On the other hand, excessive optimism is to be avoided. Be hospitable.
- Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 22
You should make sure you are explicit but that does not mean giving away something told to you in confidence. You should try to take your mind off work for the day. Respect other people's opinions and preferences. Be considerate.
- Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20
You are liable to confuse what is with what you would like to be and this could result in a serious problem. Remember that what is appropriate for a friend might and probably will not apply to you. You are more liable to mistakes so beware of them. Be frank.



Do we really need integrity, personal convictions and principles

By Rene Saguisag

LAST May 25, I spoke at the meeting of Toastmasters International Philippine District. My topic was "Integrity, personal conviction and principles: Do we need them, is there room for them in our present lives, does anyone care?" I replied as follows (more or less):

Friends, I make it a rule not to accept invitation during session periods. Of late, I am making more and more exceptions, as part of, shall we say, a farewell tour, to thank all of you who kindly supported me in 1987, and perhaps do not yet very much regret why you did. But I would have made an exception of you in any case: for anyone with aspirations to be a public speaker, he knows, you know, I know, the whole world knows, that if I can make it here, I can make it anywhere.

Thank you for inviting me, even if you know where I work. I gather you want more time for the open forum, which is fine with me. There, I can better identify the context of your concerns.

Integrity is like a muscle one needs to exercise often, or always lest it atrophy. Yes, there is room for it. I care. And here one can be a majority of one.

I must maintain my ability to look myself in the eye in the mirror at the end of the day.

This is the first time that I was asked to speak in a role I do not avoid, as a Don Quixote of sorts. As Henry David Thoreau said: "If man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

I speak out for the Pepe Oysos, Lexphil Mendozas, Ramon Figueras and Jimmy Tadesos of our society, just as I spoke out for the victims of human rights violations during the past regime. The history of

due process is embedded in cases involving "shabby" personalities. As has been said: "It is a fair summary of history to say that the safeguards of liberty have frequently been forced in controversies involving not very nice people." They are victims of salvaging and bullet-train justice.

1. I am not for jailing marijuana users.

2. I am not for the abolition of the casinos at this time.

3. I voted no on the Islamic Banking Act.

4. I voted no on the Kalkalan ng 20.

5. I can join Sen. Bert Romula in his call for early election. If this be madness, there is method in it, I submit to you. More speech, not less, is what we need, I do not fear ideas. To paraphrase someone, I may not agree with what you say, but I am ready to suffer a few slight physical injuries to defend your right to say it. We are in the same boat as far as I am concerned, there is really less to it than meets the eye. I first asked that we de-clog our jammed May 11, 1992 elections in my Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10 filed in January, 1988.

6. I turned down a signed Supreme Court appointment and a gaggle of cabinet posts. I never fought for any committee chairmanship, and was given the ethics post, which no one wanted, whether either your colleagues or the public hits or hates you.



7. I am not running for re-election. By 1992 I will have rounded off 30 years of public service. In 1962 I got elected barrio councilor while in college. I private citizen can serve even without a title or without pay from taxpayer's money.

8. I am leery of gifts. As someone once said: "When a public official accepts a gift, he dissolves the pearl of independence in the vinegar of obligation."

9. I have defended the Roppongi and Stockton transac-

tions. 10. I am not keen about the consultation process in regard to tuition fee increases, which would lead to an overpoliticized and/or undereducated youth. We should meet on how to give more to our teachers and alma maters, instead of how to make our society safe for mediocrity.

11. I may be the only one, or one of the few public figures, who take on the press. I have kept quoting Rocky Bridges who said that media is the plural of mediocre.

12. I am not a credit freak. "There is no limit to the amount of good you can accomplish if you are willing to let somebody else take the credit."

A number of measures can really be said to be more of my handiwork than anybody else, but they are credited to some of my colleagues, as the case may be. *Hanya sila ang masisi.*

At Harvard, I did not take any corporate or taxation courses. We also came back, by conscious, deliberate choice, from an easy, comfortable life in the US. In 1972 I was warned of the dangers of fighting Ferdinand Marcos.

Some do think I have loose change upstairs and that my head is not properly or tightly screwed.

I am not a populist legislator, who, in fact, only needs a pollster. During the tumultuous riots in Paris over the French Revolution in 1848, the leftist leader Ledru-Rollin was quoted as say-

ing, "Where is the mob? I have got to follow them, I am their leader." (Some attribute this aphorism to Gandhi.)

As a member of the US Congress wrote, when he got there, he was confronted with the oldest and most basic questions of a representative democracy: For whom does a legislator vote? Should a congressman vote his or her strongly held convictions? Or those of a majority of the constituents?

In this now-classic statement, Edmund Burke rejected the "weather vane" view of the legislator's role. "Your interest must come ahead of mine, your opinion and wishes ought to have great weight and high respect," Burke told his constituents. "But your representative owes you not his industry, but his judgement, and he betrays instead of services, you if he sacrifices it to your opinion."

I oppose the bases, for the answer that satisfies me better is, yes, the Filipino can. We will survive and prosper with the help of our foreign friends, if possible; without it, if necessary.

Go find your star, and never lose your moral stamina and a sense of where you are.

Maybe there are risks. But safety is not the absence of danger but the presence of God. And I should add that that is the reason why, as was observed in the very kind introduction, I do not believe in bodyguards. And I would not want to so succeed that I would ever need one.

5 die in landslide: A family of five died instantly when they were buried in a landslide triggered by continuous heavy rains in Pagadian. Belated PC reports identified only the head of the family, Danilo Propia. Killed with him were his wife and their three children. The reports said the Propias were buried under tons of mud. The landslide also blocked a portion of the Pagadian Highway and stranded hundreds of bus passengers. The Department of Public Works and Highways has been requested to clear the area. The reports said the landslide happened at 9 pm, when the victims were already asleep. Meanwhile, 25 families have been left homeless by a tornado which swept Barangay Kulu, Molave town, Zamboanga del Sur. The local Red Cross chapter said it has begun relief operations for the victims.

UE student nabbed at DECS rally: An engineering student was held for questioning by the Manila police when about 100 members of the League of Filipino Students (LFS) rallied at the education department building in Intramuros. Ampon Goyal of the University of the East-Calocan was taken into police custody when he allegedly tried to enter the education department buildings.

DECS securitymen and policemen reportedly beat the student with truncheons who splattered red paint and threw rotten tomatoes at the education building.

Also, the National Union of Students in the Philippines (NUSP) snubbed the scheduled dialogue with the DECS task force on tuition, claiming they would only talk about their grievances on tuition guidelines with Education Secretary Isidro Carino or with the members of the State Assistance Council.

LFS-NCR chairman Roberto Mangahas said they will continue the protest actions to press Carino to recall the guidelines.

NUSP spokesperson Nilo Tamoria said student protest actions over tuition increases have legal grounds considering that DECS Order No. 50 or the new tuition guidelines violated the Education Subsidy Law. Tamoria said the DECS order violated the law on at least three grounds — the definition of consultation which does not necessarily mean agreement on tuition rates.

Morato turns in on TV ads: The television advertisements of Tanday Rhum, Hanford and Sunjoy briefs will be pulled off the air if the producers fail to revise.

Movie and Television Review Classification Board (MTRCB) chairman Manoling Morato also warned the advertisers "Kapilang sa Alps" to stop making "lewd" commercials because the censors will no longer allow such commercials to be shown on television.

Morato cited that in the Tanday Rhum commercial, Gretchen Barreto wears a revealing negligee and looks very seductive.

The whole commercial is very suggestive, Morato commented. In the case of Hanford and Sunjoy, men wearing briefs should not be shown on television because briefs are private things and are not supposed to be displayed in public, Morato added.

He explained that these commercials do not pass through the MTRCB.

Mail rob-suspect accused: National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and postal agents have arrested a suspect in a multi-million mail robbery in Northern Luzon six years ago.

Oscar Cabutaje, a former postal driver, had been on the wheels of mail truck MVO-14 when it was hijacked on Nov 28, 1984 on its way to Laoag City.

When he was named as a co-accused in a case filed, before the Sandiganbayan he posted bail and jumped during the trial.

4 illegal loggers sentenced to jail: Four forestry law violators from region 2 and 5 have been sentenced from four months to six years imprisonment for illegally possessing and transporting illegally cut logs.

Ricardo Sebastian was sentenced in Nueva Viscaya by Bayombong Municipal Trial Court Judge Dawa Gayagay from four months to two years in jail for illegally possessing and transporting 23 pieces of narra last May 14.

Gayagay ordered the confiscation of the narra totalling 350 board feet in favour of the government.

Region 5 Regional Trial Court Judge Wenceslao Ananias sentenced Legaspi Miranda, Loreto Baldano and another man.

Miranda was sentenced to six years in jail for illegal possession of 33 pieces of red and white lauan.

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P2-M rob: Three bank guards were wounded when their armored van was robbed of more than P2 million by an undetermined number of heavily-armed men wearing fatigue uniforms in La Loma, Quezon City.

Investigation showed that the Republic Planter's Bank van was cruising along Isarog and A. Bonifacio streets at about 1:30pm when the suspects — in two cars — suddenly blocked them and fired.

The four tires of the van were immediately blown off during the first barrage of shots.

The van was in its way to Manila when the robbery occurred. Police said.

Malaysian nabbed: Immigration officials at the Nonoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) stopped a Malaysian from leaving for Hong Kong for possession of spurious travel documents.

Domongo said Chan Wan Yee, 27, of Pahang, Malaysia had Malaysian and Filipino passports and immigration arrival and departure stamps in his pockets.

Yee presented his genuine Malaysian passport at the immigration counter. But before he could enter the boarding gate, a tampered Philippine passport was found in the left pocket of his pants.

Housing for govt workers: Manila Rep Amado Bagatsing filed a bill authorizing all national government agencies to provide housing to their employees and allowing its officials to purchase residential land ahead of project to avoid real estate price fluctuations.

Bagatsing proposed that funds for the purchase and development of the residential land be loaned by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) or the Home Development Mutual Fund.

Local officials behind highway robberies — PC: PC authorities said a group of local officials is behind the series of highway robberies and hijacking of containerized vans in the major routes linking Southern and Northern Luzon.

"The syndicate is composed of barangay chairman and councilmen some of whom are dismissed military personnel," said PC Criminal Investigation Service (CIS)-Special Investigation Branch (SIB) chief Maj Ruben Zacarias.

He said the group may have expanded its illegal operations to as far as Quezon province and Pangasinan.

The PC CIS investigation team estimated that the group had amassed millions of pesos in robbing and hijacking container vans.

Zacarias, however, declined to name all the members of the syndicate pending the filing of the case in court against them.

DAR needs more time: The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) has up to July to review the 9,000 folders pending before it for voluntary offer to sell (VOS) and compulsory acquisition (CA) of some 283,000 hectares of agricultural land.

DAR acting Undersecretary for Planning and Policy Dorothy Tadeo said the processing of land acquisition cases from the provinces are moving at a slow pace because of the inefficient system at the main office.

Secretary Benjamin Leong earlier announced the department's goal of acquiring and distributing more than 200,000 hectares in just three years under a pilot programme in at least 24 provinces.

Tadeo said that the department will find it difficult to meet the deadline since it only has six months to process the acquisition papers.

SALES LADIES

Opportunities exist for qualified candidates to work with a large company retailing consumer electronic items like TV, video, audio, home appliances. Main emphasis will be in demonstration and sale of Microwave oven and other kitchen appliances.

Interested candidates with transferable residence permit please call 2409704/5 for an interview appointment.

The sinner not the sin

SOMETHING new has been added to the BIR. It's called "Sin Taxes." Maybe I shouldn't capitalize the word lest someone take it to mean the effect of the good old Cardinal's jokes or homilies on the list of sins. I use the caps only to stress the fact that the BIR message is more oppressive.

The word used to be "luxury." The idea is to tax those who can afford or dare afford excesses in life, like wine, women and song. Many luxuries of the past, however, have become necessities of the present, like telephones and cars — and women, even, from the macho's point of view. Although imposing additional tax on every extra of the item last mentioned would not be such a bad idea. That, indeed, would be a "sin tax" in a society that generally does not allow the menfolk more than one mate.

One problem, though. Would the pluralistic spouse, in declaring his assets and liabilities, be honest enough to list down his extra numbers? And as what? Asset? Or liability? In this case, it's really hard to tell one from the other. As most everybody knows, only the filer's legal spouse is tax deductible. Any other would be an additional. So, forget that law proposed in the foregoing. Either way, it won't work.

The BIR will have to content with the other traditional "sins" like drinking and smoking. That's one of the ironies in life. The more sinful ones, like philandering, don't get the tax.

In the first place, why label drinks and cigarettes "sins"? Is it because sin, according to many a churchman, is pleasurable? One religious postulate intones, no sin would be committed if it were not pleasurable. It does not follow, however, that all pleasurable things are sinful.

Maybe "sin taxes" is too strong a term. Why not "vice taxes" instead? Drinking and smoking are not really bad *per se*, especially the former. So as not to put their business in a bad light, wine or liquor producers caution their customers to "drink moderately." Although deep in their hearts I know that the more pleasant motto is "The more, the merrier" or "The sky's the limit." Alas, that's when it becomes a sin. And that's where the BIR comes in.

I'd like to think that the BIR motive (that is, if the "sin taxes" are finally approved) is not just lucrative, but also restrictive, if not punitive. By making all those pleasurable things more expensive, people might be forced to cut down on their pleasures. A bottle or a pack less each day would be fine on one's health. The only thing that gets me in these new taxes is that the burden of sin is passed on to the customer. There ought to be a law against the suppliers of sin from doing that.

Model form — for a perfect fit

WHEN designer Armando Giron came back from a quick business trip to New York, he brought home a contract with Modern Model Forms, Inc., headed by Steve Bryan, for the exclusive distributorship in the Philippines of the perfect-fit mannequins, a standard item in all American fashion houses.

Model Form, as they are called in the fashion industry, are used by all professional designers, stylists and merchandisers who are demanded by the very nature of their job that their fashions not only look good but fit — perfectly! — their clients. They

were also the Model Forms that garment marketing firms use, even require their manufacturers all over the world to use, as a standard for fixing and fit.

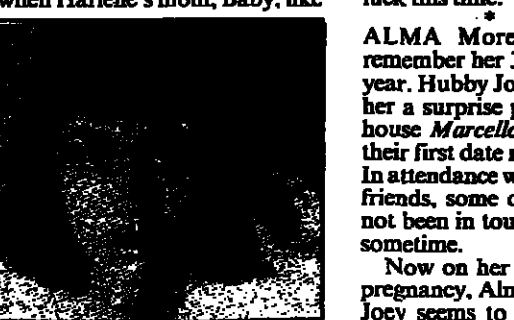
Manufacturers say that size is one thing that sets them apart from each other in the market-place, that allows them to differentiate their products. The Laura Ashley woman, for example, is different from the woman Calvin Klein envisions. But when it comes to standard sizing on the basis of their measurements (especially if they are dealing with the



Starlight gossip

TEEN-AGE stars Michael Loozin and Harlene Bautista are reportedly on again for the ninth time.

Michael and Harlene broke off when Harlene discovered that Michael was still courting other girls. Their lovers' quarrel grew when Harlene's mom, Baby, like



Alma's recent surprise birthday party given by hubby Joey is one she'll never forget.

all doting mothers, could not tolerate seeing her only daughter being taken for granted. She reportedly advised Harlene to drop Michael.

But it seems love has again triumphed. And Baby cannot do anything but wish her daughter luck this time.

ALMA Moreno will always remember her 31st birthday this year. Hubby Joey Marquez gave her a surprise party at the pub-house *Marcello* where they had their first date nearly a year ago. In attendance were several of her friends, some of whom she has not been in touch with for quite sometime.

Now on her eighth month of pregnancy, Alma's first-born by Joey seems to be another boy. She's giving birth by Caesarean section July 27 two days after Dolphy's birthday.

Jabidah Massacre

ALTHOUGH Anthony Alonzo and Roi Vinzon have appeared together in several action pictures before (Mad Warriors and Ubusan Ng Lahi are just two of them), they've never been billed side by side, so to speak.

In *Jabidah Massacre*, their current movie, Roi shares equal billing with Anthony, and the latter doesn't mind at all. "When I was just starting myself," says Anthony, "big stars like Rudy Fernandez also helped me. Now it's my turn to help deserving actors get the recognition which they aspire for."

Roi Vinzon was featured in several films produced by Viva, such as *Imortal*, *So Diyos Lang Ako Susuko* and *Kakampi Ko Ang Diyos*. It's only now, however, in *Jabidah Massacre* that he's finally playing a lead role.

Operation Tulong

THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait/Kapisanang Filipino Sa Kuwait (KAPILKU) has launched Operation Tulong (help) for the earthquake victims in the Philippines starting last Friday.

The initial donations received from concerned Filipinos and Arab friends so far those who donated are:

Manny Inserto; Mohammad Al Ameri; Rolando Mendoza; Baby Militante; Khalid Badawi; Ed De Leon; Mario Evangelista; Ding Celeste; George

Abenoja; Toto Abear; Ryan Nbdon; Joel Bonecillo; Bien Dantes; Danny Nabong; Celso Estrada; Robert Virgo; Mars Balisi; Jun Manalo; Mel Cervera; Bida Borja; Eddie Bascug.

Any donations will be accepted by Sarah A. Macarimbang, Vice-President for Social & Cultural Affairs, and Ojie Olor, Vice-President for Welfare & Special Projects.

For particulars please contact Sarah on telephone numbers 4839009, 4839889 and 4843447.

De-mystifying the cultural workers

WHAT do Lou Veloso and Rene Requeistas (not necessarily in this billing order) have in common?

Both have very expressive facial features, both have small physical frames, and both started as stage actors before they became showbiz comedians. Not the stage of fiestas and cenáculos, but of the legitimate stage like Bulwagang Gantimpala, PETA, and Tanghalang Pilipino — among others. As stage actors, they played various roles in both drama and comedy.

Tanghalang Pilipino Company Manager, former Bulwagang Gantimpala production Manager and Corporate Lawyer Tito Tesoro has very good praises for Lou Veloso whose stage portrayals ranged from cameo, support or lead — all of which Lou interpreted intelligently, essaying each with sensitivity and depth. Likewise, Tanghalang Pilipino Stage Director Nonon Padilla could only commend both on their dedication and discipline, regardless of what role they play. And yet, Lou managed to maintain a low-key figure — even when he was already a popular television comedian via U.F.O. (Urbana, Felisa and Others). Today, Lou still manages to hang around CCP whenever his schedule permits, and would still take the jeepney shuttle anytime of the day.

Producer Dong Alegre has equally the same pride as he recalls how the unassuming Rene Requeistas would hang around in his productions, whether he is playing in them or not. In the long-running musical *Magnus Ka*, Rene was totally involved even if his roles were merely those of a household help and a statue of Jose Rizal's.

Theatre technician director Dennis Marasigan would vouch that however short Rene's appearances are, he would arrive way ahead of everyone during rehearsals. Even Cultural Center of the Philippines staff recall how a regular site Rene was at the CCP Butifera (the artists' hang-out), even during the time that he was a familiar television figure via Sic O'Clock News.

And then came the call of showbusiness — with all its promise of fame, glory and money. And who are Lou Veloso and Rene Requeistas to say "No" to such a call? Artists as they are, audience reach is their major preoccupation which could extend them the necessary feedback. And of, course, they are just humans living in a material world.

We recall an article written about Rene just at the earlier period of his showbiz fame, where he was quoted as saying that his big dream is to buy his family a house and lot. Lou could have wished for a similar dream.

We are sure that both Rene and Lou would have realized their dreams already, and more.

We know for a fact that Rene, since he starred in the Starzan series with Joey de Leon under Regal Productions, must have earned his first million (or more). With his now legendary role as Chita-ehh, he has become a regular household name.

The other movies he did with sparring partner Joey de Leon were all box-office hits which made it possible that he was sharing billing prominence with Joey. And of course we know that his first solo movie, *Ganda Babae*, *Ganda Lalake*? enjoyed very long queues at the moviehouses. Who would question that indeed, Rene Requeistas' star has shown?

On the other hand, Lou Veloso rose from the show-biz name Mr Truman, the character he played in U.F.O. that of being a grouchy old bachelor who managed a boarding house like he were a high priest, and whose pitch of a voice made him a household byword.

U.F.O. was one of the longer-running daily sitcoms of the '80s, so that by the time that the programme folded up, Mr Truman lived on in various other sitcoms. Today, his visibility is again very high, as television screens guarded him for the institutional plug on traffic discipline in co-operation with Halls Mentholypus.

So, how have these two respected stage actors fared in show-business, aside from the multi-digit figures of their paycheques. Yes, they have extended their audience reach. By the massive exposure they get from both mass media, they are now able to relate with an audience whose approval or disapproval comes ten times more than what they get as feedback from their longest-running stage appearances.

U.F.O.'s success was highly attributed to the stellar performances of Mr Truman who could easily upstage the more popular stars Maya (then) Valdes and Nanette Inventor. Mr Truman drew the laughs which were louder and longer. His acting in the paid television ads are indeed very funny, even if he were already portraying a rather serious role. But he has this power of making people laugh.

Rene, on the other hand, as been accepted massively because of his slapstick performances and his movies' toilet humour. Of course, we could not be certain how he feels about this kind of trend that his movies re-activated, but his consistent and prolific participation in all these projects maybe proofs that he does not have a strong opinion about how comedy must be elevated from the mere states of either being green or brown.

By the constant association of both Rene and Lou on such comic outings, they have unfortunately limited their range as actors competent enough to act in the manner of a true artist. The sad thing about our state of cultural affairs is that even our artists are saddled by the severe problems of economics. In the final stage, their art gets prostituted.

Of course, Rene's and Lou's cases are no absolute yardsticks to the hopelessness of our showbusiness. Singly and collectively, they can do a lot in elevating the state of affairs of our mass entertainment. The barometer should likewise be a measure of economics: once the millions have been had, it is time to say enough. Then it is the time when they should dictate to producers that intelligence and good taste should be prerequisites in their projects.

FILIPINO DIGEST

Dancing in Obando

ON May 16 and 17, the folk teems with townsfolk and tourists. Maytime is the season of dance and frolic in Obando. Even the elderly join in the revelry. Food is a plenty — as they come as bounty brimming from the river baskets of Obando's fishermen.

The *bumbong* band blares to a familiar *fandango* beat of Castilian lore, and the women take to the streets to sway, turning movement into waltzes:

*Santa Clara, pinung-pino
ang pangako ko'y ganito
Pagdating ko sa Obando
sasayaw ako ng pandango*

Dancing in the streets of Obando has been a pre-Hispanic practice when, it was said, townsfolk danced to appease ancient *anitos*. When the Spaniards came, the ritual assumed a Christian cover, according to research done by the Obando Arts Council.

Obando's three patrons are: Sta. Clara, San Pascual Baylon and Nuestra Señora Nasalambao. The childless dance to Sta. Clara for she has been known to bless them with children. Meanwhile, legend has it that a childless couple were once counselled by a vinegar vendor to dance before the statue of San Pascual Baylon. Upon reaching the Obando parish, the couple realised that the vinegar peddler was none other than San Pascual himself! Very soon, they were blessed with child.

There have been many stories told about the blessings from Obando. "Talagang totoo," says an elderly resident of the town. A niece, once childless after seven years of marriage gave birth after she and her husband danced in Obando. Even those with

children beget more! Aline Teresa was 47 when she gave birth to her fourth child after nineteen years. To this day, she faithfully attends the annual Obando fiesta for thanksgiving. Aline Teresa brings along her daughters, single and married, as part of her *panata* to Sta. Clara and San Pascual Baylon.

Childless couples have been trooping to Obando not only during the annual May feast but even on ordinary days, asking the women in the area to intercede in their prayers.

In recent years, it seems not only pleas for a child are heard by Sta. Clara — but also for a boyfriend or a husband. Young single women and elderly spinsters have joined in the dance too, hoping they may soon find their mates and live happily ever after.

Our Lady of Salambao is the patroness of bounty in these parts. She was accorded her name since the image was found in a *salambao*, a basket attached to and pierced by bamboo poles to catch river fish. Obando is surrounded by a wide river expanse that makes for oyster beds and fish breeding pens. Maytime yields the richest catch: fresh *sugpo*, *bangus* and *talaba*. Media folk who visited had their blessed fill of the river's bounty before trekking back to newsrooms to meet deadlines for the day. We in *Mfr* and *Ms*, unperturbed by the rush, ran to make fast buys of *kasuy*, *kalamay* and *siniguelas*. It was early afternoon and our dancing feet were still raring to go.

Just an hour's drive from the heart of Manila. Maytime in Obando is summer dance and folk drama in timeless beat.



Once again the streets of Obando resound with merry-making.

Aunt and niece team up in Mundo Man ay Magunaw

IF the solemn opening announcements about Hollywood's international influence — and subsequent world-wide satellite hook-ups integrated into the show — weren't enough to tip the TV audience that the 62nd Annual Academy Awards presentation was going to be a classier affair than past episodes, host Billy Crystal's first utterance was a joke at the expense of last year's now-notorious *Snow White* sequence.

This awards night was indeed sophisticated and impressively efficient, with only two large-scale production numbers and minimum banter between presenters. The telecast coasted only seven minutes past the aimed for 12:30 (EST) terminus.

However, there was some zip missing from the production, not only because of a dull and nearly colourless second hour, but also because of the absence of older, if voluble showbusiness legends among the guests.

Luckily, the show was hosted by Crystal, as funny and energetic as Bob Hope was in his prime years. Crystal's opening monologue, though it contained a questionable ethnic joke about Italians and the Fifth Amendment, was otherwise a model of irreverent wit and high spirits, taking some amiable jabs at Hollywood and ending with a one-man parody of a typically inflated awards-night production number (said number being wisely eliminated this go-round).

The opening also benefitted from a five-minute film from Chuck Workman, which, in the manner of his *Precious Images*, condensed footage from more than 300 features into an affectionate and emotion-tumbling cavalcade of film features from 19th-century Georges Melies to the present.

As advertised, the show's producers limited acceptance speeches to 45 seconds, regardless of the number of award recipients.

And while this led to some sudden cropping when it came to quartets of editors and soundmen, best director Oliver Stone and best picture winner Richard Zanuck and Lili Fini Zanuck were allowed to ramble on for as long as a minute and a half. Award winner Howard W. Koch limited himself to approximately 105 seconds.

The Hersholt presentation provided one of the few occasions for humour, when presenter Walter Matthau (one of the few of his generation to participate in the ceremony) slipped in that Koch would perform. *Oh, To Be in England in the Spring*.

Rachel Ward and Bryan Brown, presenting a pair of sound

awards via satellite from Sydney, at least displayed some pleasure in each other's company, which was sorely missing among other pairs.

Clearly, the race was on against the clock, but if John Candy and Rick Moranis appear on stage to give out awards for shorts, and don't get the chance to josh around, then someone has miscalculated.

Difficult technical feats were accomplished with impressive competence. The feeds from Sydney, from Charlton Heston and Norma Aleandro in Buenos Aires and from Glenn Close and Mel Gibson in London went perfectly. A minor sound glitch in Moscow was handled with aplomb by Jack Lemmon.

The lifetime achievement award to Japanese director Akira Kurosawa was one of the best moments of the evening, when artistry, humanity and technical skill all blended together.

Aside from the dull second hour, the show moved space, though the solution to the time problem has created problems. The one big musical number — a Paula Abdul-choreographed version of *Under the Sea* sung by Geoffrey Holder was almost nostalgic. Somewhere between the cheap theatrics and rush hour there must be a happy medium.

As if worried that the mawkish sentimentality factor had been neglected, the Best Picture award was preceded by an international sing-along of *Over the Rainbow* led by Diana Ross, who took over the singing from a clip of Judy Garland from *The Wizard of Oz*.

Under the circumstances when Jack Nicholson and Warren Beatty came out to present the award, the two squinty-eyed actors, rocking back and forth on their feet, looked like representatives of the Lollipop Guild.

At any rate, given the goals of his production, to present the awards at a reasonable pace and with an atmosphere of tony respect, the results were beyond reproach.

In the local front, the Famas, which used to be the Philippines' answer to the Oscar (and that was before the birth of Film Academy of the Philippines Award) has had its 38th edition on May 19 at the grand ballroom of the Manila Hotel.

The 38th edition is that special because it's elevating Vilma Santo to the Hall of Fame as actress, the second time that it's happening. The first actress to be elevated to the Hall of Fame was Charito Solis.

The producer-director of the 38th Famas Night, Mitos Villareal, is leaving no stone unturned to make the Hall of Fame portion grandiose, dramatic and worth remembering. After all, it doesn't happen every year.

At press time, Villareal's brilliant idea is to gather all the showbiz people who significantly have something to do with the making and two-decade career of Santos. On top of the rosters are Edgar Mortiz and her co-stars in the defunct *The Sorcerer*. But will Edu Manzano be there? He'll have to think twice, you know.

Another rare occurrence in Philippine showbiz is the teaming up of aunt Susan Roces and niece Sheryl Cruzin Seiko's *Mundo Man ay Magunaw* (was screened on May 30).

But such aunt-and-niece teaming up occurred only last year when Helen Gamboa and Sharon Cuneta co-starred in *Viva's Oras-Oras*. *Araw-Araw* for which the aunt won the CNNA Award for best actress.

The coupling of Roces and her niece is a casting coup of sorts. It was that easy to put Helen Gamboa and her niece together, the mere fact that Ms Gamboa isn't an exclusive contract star of any movie outfit. Roces is with Regal, while her niece is with Seiko. To be cast in *Mundo Man ay Magunaw* together, Roces did have to hurdle a lot of hassles with her mother studio.

The old families

AN old family is one which has been in existence in a financially and socially prominent status for at least 6 generations. This would mean that the family has been there for a hundred years. This consists of the leading landed gentry, merchants, money lenders, and have been giving direction to the activities of the community. Just like antiques, they are a rare breed. And like fine wine, they have mellowed over the years.

The old families are the nouveau riche of their time. They too suffered cultural shock, too overwhelmed by having too much too soon. But as years went by, they have finely tuned to the refinements of life. Today, they have finally adjusted to the finer things in life.

Take the case of many of our ancestral homes. We have followed a different architecture, which was the dictates of the Spaniards. So much so that even our old folks follow the European furnishings. We use the foreign influence that we have developed our so called colonial mentality.

But as I said, age has finally caught up with us; the travels gave us the learning process to fine to a culture we can call our own.

One very important aspect of belonging to the exclusive club known as the Old Families, is that they are usually low keyed. They must have that self confidence, the natural poise in every situation that projects them as cool. The most appropriate word is *nonchalant*. That gives them a leeway instead of putting on a reaction.

Take the case of President Corason C. Aquino. Many people criticise the way she dresses up. They feel that she does not conform to our expectations. But Mrs Aquino has all the right to do as she pleases. She is very natural in her actions. She has that self confidence that she can get away with it. After all, when one is at the pinnacle of success, she has that privilege of coming up with her style. In the case of Mrs Aquino, hers could be described as *angelenously* sophisticated. Her image is that of a housewife, and her actions are apt to that image.

Perhaps, some people have that mistaken notion that Mrs Aquino has to follow a certain convention. But then, who are they to begin with?

As a matter of fact, there is this thing in Manila with so many designers who feel that their copied designs are all that matter.

Another case of a low keyed member of the exclusive clan is Visitation Luz Costa. Evie as she is called by her friends comes from the Katigbak family of Batangas. Her mother is the late Carmen Katigbak, while her father is the Mayor of Lipa, Dominador Luz. Evie is the ever prim and proper person who leads a simple life in her Dasmariñas Village home, where one can find some of the rare family heirloom which date back to the height of the Batangas Coffee era of 1846.



President Aquino

From the provinces

DAET, Camarines Norte: Five police officers in this province have been promoted ranks, it was announced by Lt Col Jose Angles, PC-INP superintendent.

Promoted to the next higher grade were Lt Col Ernesto Avila, Maj. Romulo Jamito and Lieutenants Leven Baldeo, Emmanuel Talento and Leonides Perez.

A short programme honouring them was held at Camp Wenceslao Q. Vinzon Srin barangay Dogogan here.

In the same programme, eight rebel returnees took their oath of allegiance to the government before Vice Gov. Jess Pimentel, Pascualita Cereno, newly appointed provincial prosecutor, and Lt Col Jose Angles.

The returnees were given cash of P3,000 each by the provincial commander, the vice governor and the Department of Social Welfare.

The names of the returnees were withheld for security reasons.

ANTIPOLLO, Rizal: The 25th PC Co. raided a New People's Army (NPA) training camp at sitio Pasong Putik, Barangay San Juan, this town and killed a female suspected rebel.

Col Jewel Cansan, Rizal PC-INP chief, ordered his men in the field to intensify intelligence operations against NPA rebels.

The PC troops were led by Maj Owen Dave, who said killed was Edna Losande.

Her husband, identified only as "Ka Tino," and another suspected rebel known only as "Godelio" were captured.

Cansan said a PC-INP task force in the Rizal PC-INP command started decoding documents seized from the hut of the Losandes.

PC sources said the strategic places accessible to rebels are in the provinces of Bulacan, Quezon and Batangas.

The same sources said Barangay San Juan here has been the sanctuary and training camp of more than 20 NPA rebels with heavy arms used in ambushes against soldiers, policemen, and civilians against their movement.

Maj. Gen. Cesar Nazareno, PC-INP chief, sent more troops to the area to reinforce the PC company. Nazareno commended Cansan, Dave and their troops for a "job well done."

MANILA: President Aquino's endorsement of planting bamboo for rapid reforestation was hailed by lawyer-businessman Nereo J. Paculdo who launched several months ago a nationwide bamboo planting project.

Paculdo, who started a livelihood programme under the Nepa-Q-Mart Industries last year, said the bamboo project is one of its undertakings to provide livelihood opportunities to people in the countryside and, at the same time, restore the country's badly denuded forests.

"The President's endorsement will surely speed up the reforestation campaign and make available jobs and livelihood opportunities to our people in the rural areas," Paculdo said.

The Nepa-Q-Mart chief executive officer said several bamboo demonstration farms and nurseries in Luzon and Mindanao have already been set up since the project was launched several months ago with Jaime Cardinal Sin officiating at the takeoff ceremonies.

Nurseries have been opened in Quezon and Zambales in Luzon and as far south as Davao City and Davao del Sur, Paculdo said. Before the end of the month, more will be inaugurated in the Cagayan Valley, Bulacan, Cavite, Tarlac and Pampanga.

The bamboo demonstration farms in Davao are in the convent grounds of the Pink Sisters of Davao City led by Sister Mary Fidelis and the Benedictine sisters of the Eucharist King Priory in Olas, Davao, under Mother Maureen Sansaet as well as in Cogon, Digos, also in Davao, headed by Mother Celeste Nidea.

The very active participation of the religious groups will definitely give a big boost to the propagation and production of bamboo in the country, Paculdo said.

NEGROS: Rural development in Negros Occidental has been moving at a fast pace partly because of the growing number of industries in the province.

The industries reportedly account for a fairly significant

amount of the electricity supplied by the Negros Occidental Electric Co-operative Inc. (Noceco).

Rodrigo E. Cabrera, administrator of the National Electrification Administration (NEA), said figures showed that Noceco used up 42,749 megawatt-hours of electricity in 1989, of which 8,966 MWH were sold to industrial consumers.

Cabrera added that although Noceco has a big residential market, a big chunk of the rural electric co-operative's revenues comes from the province's sugar centrals, prawn and aqua farms, rice mills and few mining firms. The power consumption of these industries amounted to P17 million in 1989.

To date, Noceco has energised 200 barangays or 65 per cent of the total number of barangays in 17 municipalities. To further improve the electric service, Noceco is constructing some 29.2 kilometres of backbone and lateral lines from Tampalon to Tabugon.

MANILA: The Game-Rich Trading Inc. (GRTI), a sister company of the Binan Motor Sales Corp. (BMSC), filed the other day 13 counts of estafa charges against the general manager of the Makati-based Eagle Automotive Inc. for the latter's alleged failure to pay the GRTI some P1.6 million worth of engines and spare parts.

Accused of estafa before Judge Emilio Bernabe of Branch II of the San Pedro Municipal Trial Court (MTC) and Judge Miguel Quinolana of Branch I of the San Pedro MTC was Ernesto Gabuat, president and general manager of the Eagle Automotive Inc. (EAI) located at 2698 Guatemala St., Makati.

The 13 estafa charges against Gabuat were raffled off with seven cases: criminal case numbers 16627-16622 — assigned to Quinolana and the rest assigned to Judge Bernabe.

MANILA: The PC Capital Regional Command (Capcom) special operations group will file today before the Manila Regional Trial Court (RTC) charges of illegal possession of firearms and violation of the Dangerous Drugs Act against a Manila Standard society columnist and a Dutch photographer.

Police identified the columnist as Maurice Arache, a co-host of the Channel 2-TV show "Oh, No, It's Johnny," and the photographer as Alex van Hagen.

Found during a raid on Arache's house at 404 Lamayan St., Sta. Ana, Manila, were an unlicensed revolver, eight rounds of ammunition, an alcohol burner, a lighter torch, a pipe for drug-habits sniffing, five plastic totters, a metal box with the firearm, and four grammes of Shabu.

Police also found one plastic canister with undetermined quantity of dried marijuana leaves, eight sets of drug sniffing paraphernalias, six plastic bags of drugs sachet, and a fragmentation grenade.

Police stepped up the manhunt for Arache.

MANILA: Labour Secretary Ruben D. Torres said that about 9,000 of the 17,759 business establishments inspected by the Department of Labour and Employment (Dole) during the first five months of 1990 were found to have violated the Minimum Wage Law and other labour standards.

Torres, who has just returned from Geneva where he attended the annual convention of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), said the violators were discovered during inspections, which applied the so-called "zonal" approach involving a force of about 50 labour inspectors combing through the commercial-industrial areas in a concerted effort.

"This method, already applied to such cities as Olongapo and Angeles in central Luzon and Bacolod in the Visayas, has unearthed more violations than the previous system used by the Dole," Torres said.

He said minimum wage violations were discovered and rectified in over 60 per cent of the establishments inspected, compared to the old system that showed that about 25 per cent of establishments are not observing the Minimum Wage Law.

Torres said that 10,521 establishments were inspected for compliance with general labour standards, while

7,238 were inspected for technical safety standards.

The zonal effort, Torres said, has been effective in ferreting out companies not paying their workers in accordance with the minimum wage rates and violating other labour standards.

He cited the results of the zonal in Olongapo where Dole succeeded in inspecting 217 of the city's 249 establishments in just two weeks.

Torres said the zonal effort also paid off in Angeles City and Bacolod City where a composite of 50 labour inspectors are now winding up their work.

He added that after Bacolod, another Visayan city will be subjected to zonal inspection, followed by two Mindanao cities.

The Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (TUCP) has also uncovered various violations of labour laws by a number of companies since it started investigating complaints filed with it.

MANILA: A shouting match marred the hearing of the case filed against 21 ranking military officers implicated in the failed coup attempt last December.

The prosecution lawyers accused the defense lawyers of disrespect of the military tribunal officials during the hearing which entered its second day.

Both the defense and prosecution panels took turns in raising their arguments concerning motions they had filed.

Charges of mutiny, 21 counts of murder, and 52 counts of frustrated murder, and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman had been filed against the military officers by military prosecutors led by Col Aniano Disierto.

Among those facing the charges are Brigadier General Jose Commendador and Marcelo Blando; Captains Danilo Pizarro and Manuel Dizon; Col Luisito Sanchez and Lt Colonel Remelino Gojo. Artemio Tecson, Rafael Galvez, Tiburcio Fusillero, Ericson Aurillo, Jacinto Ligos, and Franklin Brawner.

Tension gripped the courtroom when the military prosecutors requested the members of General Court Martial No 14, which is hearing the case, to ask the defense and prosecution lawyers to accord due respect to the members of the military court.

Referring to the defense lawyers, Disierto said that some of them were even using threatening words.

"If we allow this kind of procedure, then this court will definitely lose its integrity and solemnity," Disierto said.

Lawyer Alfredo Lazaro of the defense panel disputed the claim of the prosecution panel saying "we are only performing our duty as counsel for the accused as well as asserting our constitutional right by questioning some important matters."

"We are doing this to check some information so as not to be reckless unlike other people here," he added.

Noting that Disierto and Lazaro were already engaged in a shouting match, the court told the two to approach the bench and asked them to shake hands. The two complied, and this eased the tension in the courtroom.

ZAMBOANGA CITY: Former agrarian reform secretary Miriam Defensor Santiago has confirmed reports about her plan to run for president in the 1992 elections.

Santiago, who has returned to private law practice after a brief stint in government service, made the confirmation during a recent conference hosted by Circolo Zicana at Lutong Pinoy restaurant.

She noted that no one of the presidential aspirants comes from Visayas, particular Iloilo.

She said that if she decides to join the race, she would not settle for less than the presidency.

Santiago said she has not decided yet on the question of what political party doesn't matter provides she conforms with the party's goals.

She also said that of her priorities, if elected president, would be to institute changes in government with the end in view of eradicating graft and corruption.

Asked if President Aquino has instituted changes in the government, Santiago said that the present administration has not lived up to the expectation of the people.

SPORTS

Tiozzo stops Whitaker to retain WBA crown

ARLES, France, July 21. (Reuters): A flurry of punches in the eighth round from French World Boxing Association (WBA) super-middleweight champion Christopher Tiozzo wrecked American Paul Whitaker's title hopes yesterday.

The 27-year-old champion fired the left jab that had won him every round of the fight in the restored Roman arenas of this southern French town then sent Whitaker to the floor with three successive punches.

Whitaker got up again but Tiozzo, defending his title for the first time, closed in on the US challenger and pummeled him in the face before referee Julio Albarado stopped the fight.

Unbeaten in 27 bouts, Tiozzo was impressive from the opening bell. His

three-and-a-half inch (nine cm) height advantage gave his punishing left jab free range across Whitaker's face.

The American was lucky to survive the first two rounds, which left him cut behind the ear and groggy.

But Whitaker proved a tough opponent, soaking up Tiozzo's blows and gradually clawing his way back into the action in the fifth and sixth rounds. Tiozzo was cut on the cheekbone at the end of the fifth.

The Frenchman took control again in the seventh.



Sanchez to meet Magers

Sanchez holds on to defeat McGrath

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, July 21. (UPI): Top seed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain captured victory to defeat Meredith McGrath 6-4, 7-5 and advance to the semifinals of the \$225,000 Virginia Slims of Newport.

Also advancing to the semifinals were No. 5 seed Gretchen Magers, 7th-seeded Anne Smith of Dallas, and unseeded and 127th-ranked Jo Durie of England, who upset No. 4 seed Rose Fairbank-Nideffer, 7-5, 6-0.

Today, Magers, who defeated Australian Louise Field, 6-0, 7-6 (7-5), was to play Sanchez-Vicario, and Smith, who topped Liz Smylie of Australia, 6-1, 7-6 (7-3) was to meet Durie.

Trailing Sanchez-Vicario, ranked 7th in the world, broke the 87th-ranked McGrath in the ninth game of the first set and trailed 2-5 in the second set before recording two more service breaks and serving out the match.

"I concentrated really good at 5-2 in the second set," Sanchez-Vicario said. "I was thinking that I had to hit my returns at her feet, and I came to the net every time I could, and she made a lot of mistakes making passing shots into the net."

Smith broke Smylie in the ninth game of the second set, a 13-deuce affair, but Smylie broke back to tie at 5-5.

Trailing 3-4 in the tiebreaker, Smylie double-faulted and hit a volley long, and Smith aced a second serve for the victory.

"At 5-5 in the second set, I just said 'Get ready for a tiebreaker' and I definitely was going to try to win it there," Smith said.

McMenemy England No. 2

LONDON, July 21. (Reuters): Former Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy was named today as assistant to the England soccer team's new manager Graham Taylor.

The 53-year-old McMenemy, who has been out of soccer for three years since resigning from Second Division Sunderland, will take up his post on Mondays.

McMenemy, the first appointment by Taylor since he took over the England side from Bobby Robson last week, will be responsible for overseeing the England B and under-21 teams, as well as helping with the senior side.

Robson's number two, Don Howe, and former England under-21 manager Dave Sexton both resigned after the World Cup last week.

Keeneland sale may attract Americans

LEXINGTON, Kentucky, July 21. (Reuters): Catalogues printed for the first time in Arabic, Japanese and French underline the importance of overseas buyers at the world's richest horse auction for prime young thoroughbreds.

The Keeneland July Selected Yearling Sale has been dominated by foreign buyers for more than a decade and this year's auction on Monday and Tuesday is expected to see major buying by the Maktoum family of the United Arab Emirates.

Japanese buyers last year began to make their presence felt for the first time in more than 15 years, spending \$6 million including the overall top price of \$2.8 million paid by breeder Zenya Yoshida for a colt from the last crop sired by the famed Northern Dancer.

Bluegrass insiders predict American buyers may show new interest this year although average prices are expected to remain well below the stratospheric levels of the mid-1980s when super-rich Europeans and Arabs were the major bidders.

"I do see the return of the average (American) trainer to the July sale. I think we will see it this year," said Will Farish III, owner of Lane's End Farm which is offering 22 yearlings.

Keeneland sales director Rogers Beasley said the auction should have "an equal number of horses to appeal to the Europeans and the Americans."

He noted several champion racehorses who retired at the same time will be represented as sires for the first time, including Theatrical, Manila, Polish Navy and Reference Point.

Last year, the two-day auction generated sales of \$101.3 million for 256 yearlings, an average of \$395,796 that presented the first firmer trend in four years.

Despite this initial sign of recovery after a headlong plunge from the record \$544.681 average of 1984 when the gross approached \$176 million, Keeneland experts remain cautious on the market's direction.

The 47th Keeneland selected yearling sale this year offers 324 colts and fillies in two daily sessions.

This will be the first since 1966 with no offspring of Northern Dancer, winner of the 1964 Kentucky Derby and the most sought-after sire for well over a decade.

The Maktoum family has been a major force in the sale for years. Although they have developed their own broodmares to breed their own runners, the Maktoums have still spent \$44 million for 67 yearlings at Keeneland in 1989.

Bidding battles between agents for the Maktoums and owners of other major European stables electrified many Keeneland sales of the 1980s and produced the world record price of \$13.1 million in 1985 for a colt later named Seattle Dancer.

Northern Dancer has been retired from the breeding shed but his bloodline is still well represented, accounting for 41 per cent of this year's class — including 17 sired by Chief's Crown, 14 by Nijinsky II and 13 by Danzig.

The most coveted sire for Europeans and Arabs at this year's sale is expected to be Blushing Groom, whose nine progeny last year brought average prices of \$817,778.

Agassi, Gilbert in semifinals

Chang overcomes Witsken



Agassi had a tough first set.

WASHINGTON, July 21. (UPI): Top-seeded Andre Agassi held off a stern first set challenge from seventh-seeded Richey Reneberg yesterday, then breezed through the second set to advance to the semifinals of the \$550,000 Sovran Bank Classic.

Agassi, again adorned with touches of fluorescent pink, had to fight off five set points and a tie breaker to win the first set, 7-6, before cruising in the second set 6-0.

Also in the semifinals are second-seeded Brad Gilbert, a 6-3, 6-4 winner over unseeded West German Michael Stich, sixth-seeded Jim Grabb, who notched his third consecutive straight set victory, a 6-4, 6-3 win over former Stanford teammate Derrick Rostagno, and fifth-seeded Michael Chang, a 6-3, 6-4 victor against 14th seeded Todo Witsken.

Chang was to play Agassi in today's semifinals, and Grabb was to face Gilbert, who has lost twice before in the Sovran finals.

In the Agassi-Reneberg match, both players held serve in the first set and Reneberg led 6-5, with Agassi serving.

Reneberg, 24, led 15-40 and

had two set points, but he failed to return Agassi's next serve and lost the next point on a dropshot by the Las Vegas native.

The players went to deuce nine times, and Reneberg had three more set points, but couldn't convert any. Finally, another Agassi dropshot won the game to force a tie-breaker.

Reneberg took a 4-3 lead, but lost two straight service points, going long with a volley and a backhand. With Agassi serving, Reneberg missed long with a forehand and then gave Agassi an easy put-away for the set.

"I thought it was important to win the first set," Reneberg said. "If I win the first set, he's going to be as aggressive and loose. I played well on the set points, but he got to the balls."

"If it had lost the first set, it would have faded me in the sense that I would have needed a different frame of mind," Agassi said. "You've got to be down. I was pretty sure I would get him in the long run."

The second set was no contest, as Agassi broke Reneberg's serve three times.

Chang, ranked 23rd in the world, knocked off Witsken in

straight sets as Witsken stayed on the baseline and tried to battle Chang with his groundstrokes.

Chang took the first set after breaking Witsken at 4-3 and holding through his service game to close out the set.

Witsken and Chang were tied 4-4 in the second when Chang went ahead after breaking Witsken. He held on for a 6-4 second set win and a semifinal meeting with Agassi, who is 3-0 lifetime versus Chang, including a quarterfinal win at the French Open.

"I think I have to take more chances," Chang said about his matchup with Agassi. "If I'm too patient, Agassi just gets the better of me. If I'm getting a short ball, I have to decide to go in and I have to take some chances and mix it up a little bit."

"Gilbert was challenged by Stich, but managed a service break in each set to prevail."

"I'm hitting the ball well," Gilbert said. "I definitely played my best match this week."

The lesser-known Grabb hasn't lost a set in the tournament, and capitalised Rostagno's letdown following Thursday's win over third-seeded John McEnroe.

Schwartz takes provisional pole

LE MANS, France, July 21. (Reuters): Kevin Schwartz signalled his challenge to championship leader Wayne Rainey by setting the fastest practice time for tomorrow's French 500 cc motorcycle Grand Prix yesterday.

The Suzuki rider, currently 30 points behind fellow American Rainey in the world championship, clocked one minute 40.963 seconds on the 4.43 kms circuit.

Australian Wayne Gardner, on a Honda, was second in 1:41.503 ahead of reigning world champion Eddie Lawson of the United States, on a Yamaha.

Rainey, winner of five of the nine grands prix so far this year and leading the title chase with 168 points, could do no better than fourth place in 1:41.973.

All riders set their best times in the morning session with the Le Mans Bugatti track becoming substantially slower under blazing sun during the afternoon.

Al Rashed Freight blank Kabayan

THE crucial fifth round of the ongoing Inter-Commercial Team Chess Tournament organised by the Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (FILCHEC) at the Kabayan Restaurant on Friday.

Al Rashed Freight, fresh from a week's rest, scored an upset win over defending champions Kabayan Restaurant (4-0) to stay within striking distance for the title. They are now in third place with 2 more games to play and assuming perfect score they will have a total of 19 points which is enough to clinch the championship.

Erstwhile leader Kabayan Restaurant fell into second place behind Current leader Al Nuzha Garage who defeated Far East Bank (3-1) to boost their overall standing. With 1 more round to go for both teams and assuming perfect score, Al Nuzha and Kabayan will end up first and second runner-up respectively, to new champion Al Rashed.

Ties in the team and Board standing will be broken as follows: 1. Winner over the other 2. More wins with black pieces 3. Another Game.

Al Rashed (4) — Kabayan (0) Active champion Nanding Policarpio outwitted Jun Pacana in 45 moves of a Sicilian Yugoslav attack while Robert Vargas beat Sammy Aurellano's



Players in a post-game analysis

English opening in 31 moves. Bernard de los Reyes applied called the giant killer snapped the Group B Blitz King Gil Opiana's winning streak by outmaneuvering the latter's Queen's pawn opening in 54 moves. Newcomer Hermi Corpuz continued his unbeaten run by registering another win this time against Ely Nacional in 72 moves of a Gruenfeld defense.

Al Nuzha (3) — Far East Bank (1) Group A Blitz King Ingy Vendola defeated Tony Monreal's English opening in 36 moves to strengthen his grip to the Board I

honour. Danny Calasin slowly showing his true form won over Ver Farrales in 59 moves of a Ruy Lopez variation. Jigs Acodisen of Far East Bank beat Diony Bartolome's Nimzo Indian in 33 moves to spoil the Caruaker's sweep of the Bankers. Felix Sillo won over Fred Marasigan on Board 4 in 49 moves of a Queen's opening.

Kirby (2) — JM Int'l (2) Edwin Borigas, redeeming himself after his fourth round loss, crashed Wahab Alamada's Caro-Kann defense in just 29 moves after an inevitable mate in two situation. Builder's Jun

Aranas on Board 4 resigned after 39 moves of a Sicilian defense when he made a very serious blunder that gave his queen away to newcomer Arthur Librea of JM International. Kirby's Niel Dumalo and JM's Boards 1 and 3.

Sixth round schedule: Friday, July 27, 9.00 am Kabayan Restaurant (White Vs Black); Far East Bank Vs Kirby; JM Int'l Vs Al Rashed; Hatid Ligaya Vs Al Nuzha, Kabayan — Bye.

Standings

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1. Al Nuzha	20	14	0	6	14.0
2. Kabayan	20	12	1	7	12.5
3. Al Rashed	16	11	0	5	11.0
4. Far East Bank	16	8	1	7	8.5
5. Hatid Ligaya	16	7	1	8	7.5
6. Kirby	16	4	1	11	4.5
7. JM Int'l	16	3	0	13	3.0

Current leaders in the board of honour standings:

1. Ingy Vendola,	Al Nuzha,	5 p.
2. Sammy Aurellano,	Kabayan,	3
3. Gil Opiana Jr.,	Kabayan,	3
4. Hermi Corpuz,	Al Rashed,	4

1990 FILCHEC Queen

In a separate development, club president Edward Racaza announced that there will be a meeting on Sunday, July 22 at 3.00 pm at the Kabayan Restaurant. All participants, managers and mutes, are requested to come. For more details please call 2402405 Edward.

Police and cricket chiefs rap DeFreitas

Williams takes Middlesex past Yorkshire

LONDON, July 21. (Reuters): Paceman Neil Williams, ably supported by spinners John Emburey and Phil Tufnell, bowled Middlesex to their sixth county championship victory of the season at Uxbridge yesterday.

Williams took four for 43 as Yorkshire, resuming at 59 for one, were dismissed for 192, leaving championship leaders Middlesex needing only 96 to win.

Only Richard Blakey, who hit eight fours in his 42, and Phil Robinson, with 40, delayed Middlesex's march to a seven-wicket win.

West Indian pace bowler Malcolm Marshall took five for 64, giving him match figures of nine for 94, as Hampshire crushed Nottinghamshire by eight wickets at Portsmouth.

Marshall took four wickets in a marathon 12-over stint to have Nottinghamshire all out in their second innings for 274. He then hit a flamboyant unbeaten 23 out of Hampshire's 84 for two.

Essex were the day's quickest winners, taking only 45 minutes to complete a nine-wicket victory over Derbyshire at Colchester.

Opener Brian Hardie, who retires at the end of the season, struck four in an unbeaten 41 out of 51.

Worcestershire's Graeme Hick scored unbeaten 69 to go with his first innings 171 not out in the drawn match against Somerset at Worcester.

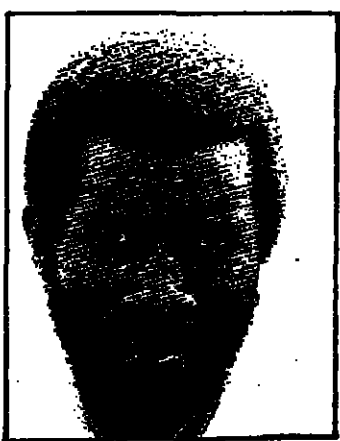
The home county made no attempt to chase a tough target of 340 in 60 overs. They finished on



Philip DeFreitas



Neil Williams



Malcolm Marshall

181 for three.

Somerset's South African opener Jimmy Cook is to play for the county for a third season. Cook, a teacher in Johannesburg, has been given leave of absence by his college for the 1991 English season.

He has scored 13 first-class centuries for Somerset.

Results

At Portsmouth: Hampshire beat Nottinghamshire by eight wickets. Hampshire 301 for nine declared in 100 overs and 84 for two (C. Smith 46 not out). Nottinghamshire 110 in 47.1 overs and 274 (F. Stephenson 88 not out, M. Marshall five for 64). Hampshire 24 points, Nottinghamshire four.

At Uxbridge: Middlesex beat Yorkshire by seven wickets. Yorkshire 243 in 90 overs and 192 (R. Blakey 42, P. Robinson

40; N. Williams four for 43, P. Tufnell three for 49). Middlesex 340 in 103 overs and 96 for three. Middlesex 24 points, Yorkshire five.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire v Kent — match drawn. Northamptonshire 445 for eight declared in 110 overs. Kent 283 in 99 overs and 305 for four declared (C. Cowdrey 107 not out, S. Hinks 83, R. Davis 41). Northamptonshire eight points, Kent four.

At Worcester: Worcestershire v Somerset — match drawn. Somerset 398 for three declared in 110 overs and 241 for five declared (P. Roebuck 68, B. Rose 44 not out). Worcestershire 300 for three declared in 84.4 overs and 181 for three (G. Hick 69 not out). Worcestershire four points, Somerset five.

At Coventry: Warwickshire v

Lancashire — match drawn. Warwickshire 374 for even declared in 103 overs and 256 for four declared (A. Moles 100 not out, T. Moody 96). Lancashire 332 for eight declared in 86.3 overs and 173 for five (N. Fairbrother 50). Warwickshire seven points, Lancashire seven.

At Guildford: Sussex beat Surrey by seven wickets. Surrey 345 in 120.3 overs and 221 for three declared (G. Clinton 93, G. Thorpe 79). Sussex 313 in 91.1 overs and 254 for three (N. Lehman not out 109, A. Wells 42). Sussex 21 points, Surrey seven.

Standings

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1. Hampshire	12	4	1	6	36
2. Leicestershire	12	3	2	7	35
3. Glamorgan	12	3	3	7	33
4. Surrey	12	2	2	8	30
5. Northampton	12	2	4	6	30
6. Essex	10	3	1	6	14
7. Yorkshire	12	2	6	4	26
8. Somerset	12	1	2	9	23
9. Worcestershire	10	2	7	1	21
10. Sussex	11	2	4	5	26
11. Kent	11	2	4	5	21
12. Gloucestershire	12	0	6	6	20

Note: Surrey include eight points for batting last in a drawn match in which the score finished level.

Philip DeFreitas was rapped by England's cricket chiefs and given a stern warning by police after making what were described as insulting gestures towards the crowd during a one-day international against India yesterday.

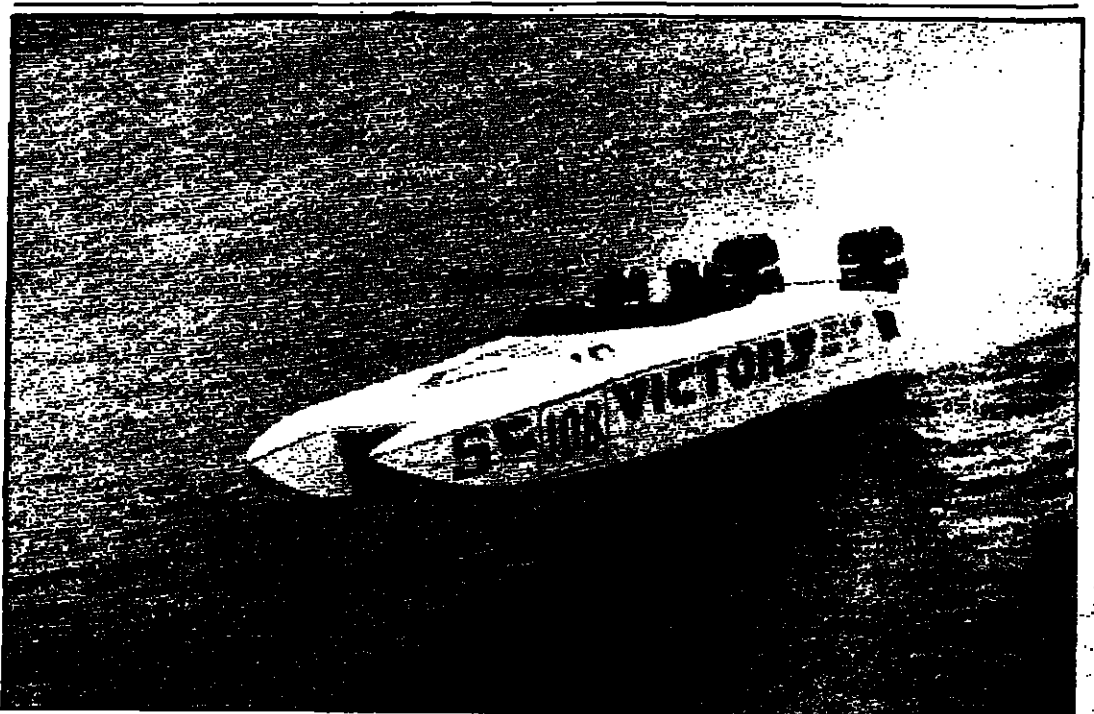
Alan Smith, chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), said DeFreitas had been reprimanded but added that the team bowler would still be considered for a place in the first Test against India starting on Thursday.

He said DeFreitas had been reprimanded by team manager Micky Stewart after the player had been interviewed by Nottingham police chief inspector Eddie Curtis.

"The chief inspector spoke to DeFreitas and warned him and advised him to be careful in these situations," Smith said.

"The gist of what he said to him was no matter what sort of provocation that comes, you have got to keep cool. There was a lot of bawling going on."

"It was something that started quite harmlessly and just blew up."



Victory 108: won the Stock Class in Florida.

Victory set for 2nd American race

DUBAI: Fresh from their victory at the Suncoast Offshore Grand Prix in Florida, Dubai's world-beating Victory Team will head an impressive line-up of more than 60 vessels in the second race of their short American tour in Michigan next month.

The Gulf's biggest powerboat team are determined to underline their arrival on the international powerboat racing scene when they take part in the Buick Offshore Classic in Bay City, Michigan on August 4.

And with two world records and two US racing titles to their name, the Victory crews will be among the favourites in their classes.

On their debut in Sarasota, Florida the combined skills of Arab drivers and American throtelemen produced two of the greatest performances by any Middle East sportsmen when Saeed Al Tayer and Skip Harper won the Pro-Stock Class in Victory 106 and Khalifa Nasser and Terry Ayres powered Victory 108 to the Stock Class title.

But while the Victory members themselves are proud of their achievements, they know there is still a lot of work to be done.

"Obviously we are delighted with the way things went in Sarasota, but in Bay City the conditions

will be completely different," said Khalifa Nasser, the reigning Middle East Class B drivers' champion.

"The water is likely to be rough and the temperature will be cooler. But we will make sure we have everything ready and the engines will be tested over and over again up until the day of the race."

As in Sarasota, the team has entered Victory 7, 11, 106 and 108 for the Buick Classic. While Victory 7 and 11 will compete in the Super/Open Class, 106 will start the Pro-Stock Class and 108 the Stock Class.

Consisting of five laps, the Super/Open race will be 156.25 miles long taking the competitors through Saginaw Bay and into the waters of Lake Huron which separates Michigan from Canada.

The Pro-Stock Class will race over 138.65 miles and the Stock Class event will be contested over 116.5 miles making the course the longest ever attempted by Victory boats.

With the Buick Classic counting towards the US national championship the race has attracted more of America's top-class crews. At least 100,000 spectators — double the population of Bay City — will line the coastline.

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Christie, Regis and Jackson shine

Backley breaks world javelin record



Backley hoists his javelin before setting the world record. (Reuters wirephoto)

LONDON, July 21, (AP): Javelin thrower Steve Backley reckoned his rival had borrowed the world record from him.

So, to get it back, he borrowed his rival's javelin.

The 21-year-old Briton threw the Nemeth javelin that Czechoslovak Jan Zelezny had used to set the world mark and hurled it 90.98 metres, more than a metre more than the record.

"I picked up the Nemeth because everyone else was using it," Backley said. "I always said he had borrowed the record from me. I knew I would get it back and it was great to do it here in front of all the British fans."

When Backley and Zelezny met head to head in an International Amateur Athletic Federation Grand Prix meet at Crystal Palace yesterday, the world mark was less than a week old.

At the Bislett Games in Oslo, Zelezny bettered Backley's world mark by 8 centimetres, lifting the record to 89.66 metres with the Nemeth. The Briton was there to witness it.

But the Czechoslovak barely had time to take the wrapping off his world record before Backley snatched it back yesterday with the first 90-metre throw using the safer type of javelin introduced by world track chiefs six years ago.

Backley, who usually uses a Sanvik javelin, previously was unimpressed with the Nemeth, which is rated aerodynamically better.

Even his Sanvik throws went

further than anything Zelezny could muster on a warm, balmy night in southern London.

Backley started with 86.40 metres, followed it with 88.88, again with the Sanvik. His first throw with Zelezny's Nemeth flew 89.20, just short of the world mark. And his final throw of 90.98 seemed to hang in the air for several breathtaking seconds before it hit the ground the other side of the world record mark.

Zelezny's best throw was 85.84 metres.

"This is like a dream come true," Backley said. "The 90-metre bar has been there too long. It has always been my aim."

Backley's world record throw earned him an \$18,000 bonus, paid by British track chiefs, because it was accomplished on a home track.

And it capped a trio of impressive home performances by sprint stars Linford Christie, Jon Regis and Colin Jackson, and a Kenyan 1-2-3 in the 800 metres.

Bursting

Christie, Europe's fastest sprinter, ended a dismal run of five defeats in three weeks by bursting past American former world record holder Calvin Smith to win the 100 metres in 10.19 seconds.

In Belfast on Monday, Christie was beaten by Nigerian Olajide Ademilakin over the same distance.

But Regis stormed to a 200-metre victory over the Nigerian newcomer in 20.32 seconds after finishing third in the shorter sprint.

Jackson darted to the tape in 13.09 seconds in the 110 metres hurdles, the fastest ever time on a British track and only a hundredth of a second outside his European record.

A British victory was hoped for, too, in the 800 metres. But Scotsman Tom McKean was buried in fourth place by three Kenyans. Steve Ole-Maral, Olympic champion Paul Ereng and Nixon Kiprotich.

Ole-Maral stole the race in 1 minute, 44.42 seconds, with Ereng, returning to his Olympic form, taking second.

Another happy Kenyan was Julius Kariuki, the Olympic steeplechase champion, who had some \$42,900 in winnings and appearance fees taken from him by a Spanish judge on Tuesday for allegedly breaching Spain's currency regulations.

Kariuki romped to victory in the 3,000 metres steeplechase in 8.16.33, more than five seconds ahead of second place countryman Patrick Sang.

Morocco's Mohamed Issangar won a thrilling 5,000 metres from Mexican Arturo Barrios on the line in the year's second fastest time of 13:08.51 seconds.

Issangar, teeth bared with the effort, took the lead in the straight only for Barrios, the world 10,000 metres record holder, to claw back over the final metres.

A photograph was needed to separate the pair, with the judges awarding Issangar the race by one hundredth of a second.

UNLV banned from defending basketball title

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, July 21, (Reuters): The University of Nevada-Las Vegas was banned yesterday from defending its collegiate men's basketball title next year.

The action announced by the National Collegiate Athletic Association followed a 13-year legal battle that began when UNLV and coach Jerry Tarkanian were found guilty of recruiting violations in 1977.

It marked the second time in three years that an NCAA championship basketball team had been barred from defending its title. Kansas was banned from post-season play after winning its title in 1988 for recruiting violations.

"The university is shocked and dismayed at the nature and severity of today's punishment and we plan to appeal," said Brad Boone, a legal representative for UNLV.

"What the NCAA is doing is punishing players who were four, five and six years old at the time the infractions occurred."

In the original case, the university was instructed by the NCAA to sever relations with Tarkanian for two years. However, Tarkanian won an injunction against his suspension and began a legal campaign that reached the US Supreme Court in 1988.

The nation's highest court reaffirmed the NCAA's right to discipline member schools but in March this year, Tarkanian won a victory of his own when the Nevada State Supreme Court ruled that the university could not fire him.

All Blacks brush aside Australia

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, July 21, (Reuters): The New Zealand All Blacks confounded sceptics today by strolling to a 21-6 win over Australia in the first rugby Test.

With long-standing captain Wayne Shelford dumped for the match, many New Zealand fans feared Australia would inflict the first defeat in four years on the world champions.

After holding a narrow 6-3 lead shortly before half-time, the All Blacks raced to victory by completely shutting the Wallabies out of the match.

Even an off-day by Grant Fox, who converted only one of the All Blacks' four tries, failed to hold back the New Zealanders. Australia's only responses were two penalties by Michael Lynagh. The tourists failed to get anywhere near the loose ball.

"There's no doubt about it. We were out-

classed in just about every aspect. It's very disappointing," said Australian captain Nick Farr-Jones.

New Zealand's first try came after nine minutes when hooker Sean Fitzpatrick sprinted into the corner, catching the Australian defence off guard. Fox missed a difficult conversion, and the wind played havoc with most of the day's other kicks.

Australia's first points came near the end of the first half with a Michael Lynagh penalty, but New Zealand had the last word of the half with a Craig Innes try off a ball from lock Ian Jones. Fox's kick bounced off the upright.

All blacks Captain Gary Whetton said he would have liked a bigger half-time lead than 10-3.

"I was disappointed we perhaps didn't have the points we thought we deserved from that first half. It was very windy out there."

He said his side also took things too easy at the start of the second half "but we got a few drives going again and the right possession and we didn't look back after that."

New Zealand players under the spotlight after inconsistent performances in the recent series against Scotland had the chance to redeem themselves.

Flanker Mike Brewer and scrumhalf Graeme Bachop provided some glittering play. Brewer, with pace worthy of a sprightly winger, set up fullback Kieran Crowley's second try in three tests. Crowley streaked down the wing, catching his opposite number Greg Martin flat on his feet.

The Australian backline was generally ineffective in contrast to the smooth rhythm of rookie All Black centres Innes and Walter Little. Towards the end of the game, some of the tourists were looking very dejected.

Morris set for England debut

LONDON, July 21, (Reuters): Batsman John Morris was named in England's 12-man squad today and could make a long-awaited debut in the first cricket test against India starting at Lord's next Thursday.

The Derbyshire batsman replaces fitness doubt Alec Stewart in the squad against an Indian team which humbled England 2-0 in the one-day series this week.

There is no room for out-of-form paceman Gladstone Small but Phil DeFreitas is included despite being lectured by the police on Friday for making insulting gestures at the crowd during the limited-overs clash against India at Trent Bridge.

Morris was called into the one-day international squad as cover for Stewart, who has been troubled by a back injury, but did not play in either match.

England's policy was geared



John Morris

towards six batsmen during the victorious New Zealand series, so Morris is likely to gain a place in the starting line-up having been close to an international call-up for several years.

Middlesex seamer Angus Fraser returns to the test squad at the expense of Small, having missed the entire series against New Zealand through injury.

Morris amassed 1,638 first-class runs at an average of 43.10 last year and was disappointed his achievements did not earn him even a place in the England "A" tour of Zimbabwe earlier this year.

But he has put that setback behind him with a succession of sparkling innings for Derbyshire. He has hit four centuries and scored 910 first-class runs this season at an average of nearly 57.

Squad

Graham Gooch (captain), Mike Atherton, David Gower, Allan Lamb, Robin Smith, John Morris, Jack Russell, Phillip DeFreitas, Chris Lewis, Eddie Hemmings, Angus Fraser, Devon Malcolm.

Baseball games

NEW YORK, July 21, (Reuters): Results of Major League baseball games played yesterday:

American League		
Baltimore	3	Chicago 2
Kansas City	5	Boston 0
Boston	3	Kansas City 1
Texas	5	Detroit 3
Minnesota	2	N.Y. Yankees 3
Seattle	6	Milwaukee 4
Cleveland	4	California 9
Toronto	8	Oakland 6
National League		
Cincinnati	5	Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Mets	6	Atlanta 2
Pittsburgh	4	Los Angeles 1
St. Louis	4	San Diego 2
Houston	12	Montreal 6
Chicago Cubs	5	San Francisco 4

Algeria win

ALGIERS, July 21, (Reuters): Algeria captured the 12th African title as champions last night by beating Angola 7-0. The Algerians took an early lead in the 12-nation championship which began on July 15, winning the crown for individuals in both women's and men's categories.

Romanian player

LEVERKUSEN, West Germany, July 21, (Reuters): Romanian World Cup midfielder Ion Lupescu has signed a three-year contract with West German First Division side Bayer Leverkusen.

Canadian team

MONTREAL, July 21, (AP): Canada's Olympic soccer team will play two friendly matches against Mexico next month as part of preparation for the 1992 Games in Barcelona, the Canadian Soccer Association announced yesterday.

Knee surgery

CINCINNATI, July 21, (AP): Former Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose underwent arthroscopic surgery on his injured right knee yesterday, a day after being sentenced to prison for tax offenses. Dr. S. Michael Lawhorn, the Cincinnati Reds team doctor, removed torn cartilage and repaired an injured ligament during the operation, according to a prepared statement.

China triumph

SPOKANE, Washington, July 21, (AP): China overcame a slow start yesterday to beat Peru in women's volleyball, as competition in the 1990 Goodwill Games began with a rematch of a 1988 Olympic medal game. The Chinese women, who won the bronze in Seoul, beat silver-medallist Peru 15-5, 7-15, 15-13, 15-7.

Pole position

TORONTO, July 21, (AP): Streaking Michael Andretti earned the provisional pole position yesterday for tomorrow's Molson-Indy race over the temporary road circuit on the Canadian National Exposition Grounds. The defending race champion turned a fast lap of 170.531 kph (105.986 mph) as the 2.86 kilometre (1.78-mile), 11-turn track dried after a heavy morning rain that hampered the opening practice session.



Senator Tamano about to toss the ceremonial ball

KPBL celebrates anniversary

THE Kaifan High School gymnasium on Friday was once again packed to the rafters as the "KPBL-Kuwait Pinoy Basketball League" celebrated its 1st anniversary of existence.

Formed on July 20, 1989, out of dissent, discouragement and discontentment amidst the controversies and irregularities that rocked the Kapiku Games, the KPBL is now on its 2nd Conference Tournament for the year 1990. At present, twenty-four (24) teams (4 expatriate teams - Filipinos, Kuwaitis, Chinese, Americans and Canadians) are taking part in the Trico International door to door sponsored competition, a most significant increase from the 10 who originally participated in its 1st Conference pilot tournament.

Friday's matches were attended by the Philippine embassy staff led by Ambassador Dr. Maunay M. Tamano and Madame Norie Tamano. In his brief remarks, the ambassador thanked all concerned for the satisfactory staging of the basketball games.

The ambassador particularly lauded the efforts of establishments like Trico Int'l Ltd., Durrani Int'l Exchange, Mabuhay Restaurant and Solon, Cafe Maharlika, Trend Wave Novelty Store and Bobby's Gift Shoppe as well as sports-minded individuals.

Abdullah Tiffouni for painstakingly being involved with the Filipino expatriate community in Kuwait.

The day's proceedings were also witnessed by visiting Philippine government officials, Senator Mamintal Abdul Jabbar Tamano and Congressman Allawadin Bandon. Both of them were later honoured with special plaques of thanks. In the senator's much applauded speech, he expressed his happiness to be with such a large number of Filipino contract workers who seemed to have very much adapted to the culture and living conditions of the most accommodating host country, Kuwait. He called on them to continue working progressively to stand up to the traits and qualities that have made the Filipinos the No. 1 sought after manpower all over the world. Later, he kicked off the fund-raising campaign for the benefit of the recent Philippine earthquake victims. His initiative launched a humanitarian mass action that saw Filipino and other nationalities present during the games.

The highlight of the day was the first ever match to be held between the Kuwait Sea Sport Club (KSSC-Kuwaitis) and the Durrani Int'l/Philippine Team-Kuwait. The exhibition match proved to be another patented "KPBL" game as the crowd-favourite Filipinos displayed the never say die attitude to lose by a solitary point 100-99. The KSSC clearly had control of the entire ballgame as they were bannered by outstanding Kuwaitis who had had previous stints with the Kuwait national team. Most noticeably among them were No. 10 Saoud Al Rabah (member of Kuwait team that won the Peace & Friendship Shield) who scored 29 points. He was ably supported by Kuwait national team member Khalid Al Wahab and Kuwait Club dribbler M. Al Mullah who scored 21 and 20 points respectively, most of



The KSSC squad



The senator receives a Special Plaque



Abdullah Tiffouni (left) and David Brooks of KHC-Bayan joining the fund-raising campaign.

which came as the Filipinos were mounting a last ditch effort to reverse the outcome of the game. It was however No. 77 man Fareed who saved the day for the Ras Salmiya-based Sea Sports Club quintet. Sent in as a substitute for a fouled out teammate, he hauled down the most crucial offensive rebound that gave his team the victory that it so deserved.

The Durrani-Int'l, Philippine team missing the services of slotmen Edwin Castro and Ed Vargas and playing one-on-one most of the time were led by Celso Tuadles 26, Rey Garcia 18, Lito de la Cruz 14, Greg Lugo 14, Emy Domingo 10 and Tony Zalavarría 10. It was a humble loss for the Filipinos, even as they came really close at 80-80 all, as they never had the time or opportunity to practice for the said game. Both Danny Caoili and Eddie de la Cruz (coach and assistant coach) cited the teams failing miserably from the free throw lane as the main cause for their setback. They also said that the coming Open/Expatriates' matches would be most interesting as the protagonists will be doing their homework and making adjustments for the good of the viewing public. Abdulla Tiffouni, for once, managed the

KSSC in his capacity as member of the board of the Kuwait Sea Sport Club.

In other games played last Friday, Pizza Italia humbled Kalexico 90-74, Kellogg outlasted Kirby 95-94, Nissan Al Babbain squeaked past Kuwait International 76-74, Overland breezed past NIC 125-76, Kuwait Regency Palace nosed out Hasawi Eagles 73-68 and Al Wayne beat Trend Wave 116-92.

In darts, Anak Restaurant beat Mabuhay Restaurant 7-0, D'Bug beat SAS Hotel 6-1 and Al Wayne won by default over KHC-Bayan 7-0.

Schedule of games for Monday, July 23, 1990.

Basketball
8.00am Nissan Al Babbain vs Al Ghanim Blue Star.
9.30am Kirby Building Systems vs Hasawi Eagles
11.00am Al Widad/Capcom vs NIC.
12.30pm KPBL/Greek House vs Kay & Associates.
2.00pm Al Wayne vs Kalexico
3.30pm KHC-Bayan vs Kellogg
5.00pm Trend Wave vs Kuwait International Hotel (tentative).

Results of these games will be covered in the Thursday-Friday sports pages of the Arab Times.

Al Rashed Freight take bowling lead

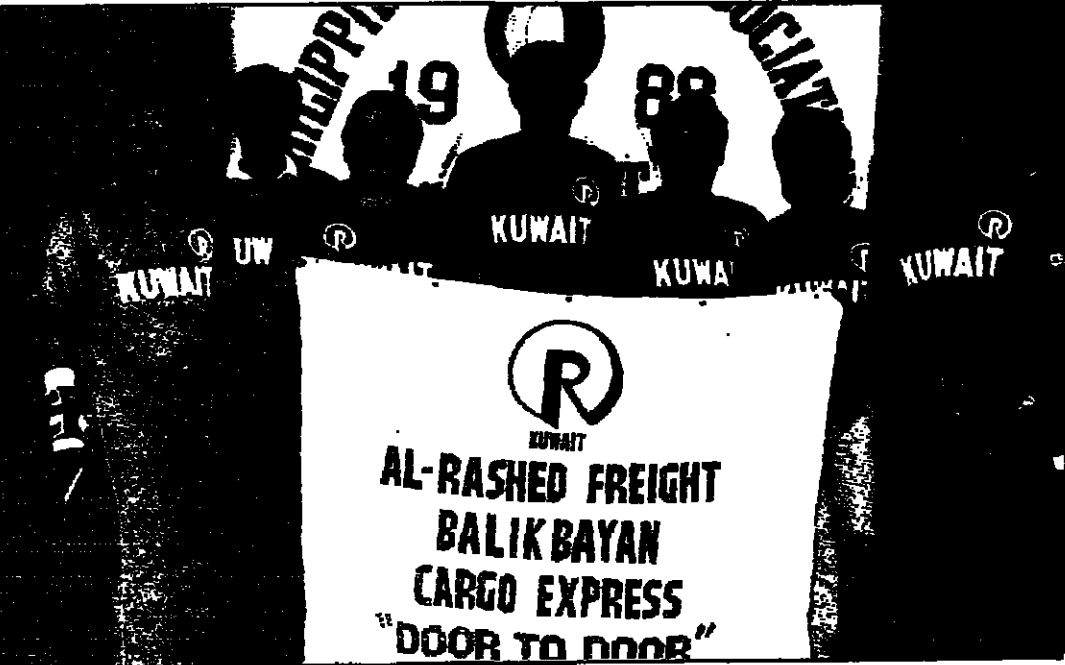
By Sonny Mariano

WITH only a few playing days left in the elimination round of the PBAK All-Filipino Summer League, Al Rashed Freight moved up on top of the team standings as they brushed aside the threat of upset-conscious Jade International Trading. The Freight Movers who have been trailing League leaders Magnolia since the start of the tournament now leads the pack with 17 points. The scoring lead for the Freight Movers was carried by Cris Rivera, Peping Ilagan, Bert Papis and George Gaerlan. Not to be discounted were Oscar Reyes and Vic Paras who also played for the team.

For Jade who have been giving favoured teams a big scare in their previous games, Madz, Demi Nardo, Ding Celeste and Edgar Cruz were the best traders in this outing. The final tally of the match three games to one in favour of new leaders Al Rashed Freight.

After some successive setbacks, West Africa Company finally broke into the winners circle once more at the expense of Kay and Associates. The West African Massage Experts hacked out a 3-1 victory courtesy of Milo Coronado's strong showing and the able support of Robert Virgo, Toto Abear and Danny Nabong. For Kay and who have been performing relatively way out of expectations, the top associates were Joe Bilog, Willy Sabay, Burt Ramos and Jimmy Tadana.

Meanwhile, FRM Design remained to be a contender for the four finals berth at stake after scoring an upset win over favoured Magnolia Ice Cream. The Designers bid to enter finals was greatly bolstered by this 3-1 victory and leading bowlers for FRM were



The Rashed Freight squad.

Company (10), Chiquita (9), Cafe Maharlika (7), Jade International (6) and Kay & Associates (5).

For the individual honours, Celso Estrada leads in the high average department with 181.8. In the high series Mar Evangelista has 609 while the high game of 242 belongs to Eddie.

Announcement: The Holiday Inn bowling lanes are now open for practice games on Sundays and there will be a fund-raising tournament for the benefit of the earthquake victims. Please wait for further information.

Manny Regalaro, Caloy Abesamis, Jesus Ventus and Flor Tongson. Erswillie leader Magnolia who were way off their deadly form and who now lies in second spot was led by Bobot Labicani, Celso Estrada, Rod Dulay and Ed de Leon.

In the only other scheduled match on Friday, Hatid Ligaya moved closer to the leaders after defeating Maharlika Cafe four games to none. The Cargo Forwarders who started poorly in the early going of the League has now

improved their chances of retaining the title as they now occupy the third spot in the standings. The leading forwarders for Hatid Ligaya were, Mar Evangelista, Jay Serrano, Rudy Zablan and Jun Cheng. On the other side, Cafe Maharlika was led by George Abenoja, Ric Belen, Roger Pacheco and Mel Cervera.

After last week's games the team standings are as follows: Al Rashed is the new leader with 17 points and Magnolia drops back to second with 16 points, Hatid Ligaya (14), FRM Design (12), West Africa



The Filipino squad with other officials

Goodwill Games get under way

Barrowman sets world record

SEATTLE, July 21, (UPI): Mike Barrowman gave the Goodwill Games and the United States an electrifying start last night, smashing his world record to win the 200-metre breaststroke on the opening evening of the 17-day celebration.

US swimmers, who admittedly hoped to peak for the showdown with their East German rivals, won six of the eight gold medals available at the pool last night.

They were led by Barrowman, who won in 2:11.53 — more than a second better than his former mark — and Janet Evans, the United States' darling at the

Seoul Olympics. She won three golds there and once again proved dominant yesterday evening in the 800 metres freestyle.

Four years of planning came to fruition with the start of competition featuring 2,500 athletes from 52 countries in 21 sports. The opening day, however, was marked by less-than-sellout crowds with an untimely brush fire along the major link between Seattle and Tacoma causing huge traffic jams for fans heading to both swimming and gymnastics.

The only other gold medal

decided last night came in the men's team gymnastics event, where the Soviet Union rolled to an easy triumph with 176.5 points out of a possible 180. The United States, thanks to a sparkling performance on the horizontal bar, captured the silver with 172.55. China was third with 172.35.

At the end of the first day's competition, the United States had 12 medals — six golds and six silvers. The Soviet Union had six medals overall, including one gold. East Germany had five medals, none of them gold.

Swimmers from Spain and

Hungary won the only races not claimed by the United States.

Besides those gained by Barrowman and Evans, US wins came from Matt Biondi and Leigh Ann Fetter in the men's and women's 50 metre freestyles, Janet Jorgensen in the 100 metre butterfly and the men's 4X200 metre freestyle relay team.

Biondi, a three-time Olympic champion, nipped rival and world record-holder Tom Jaeger. Fetter upset East Germany's Daniela Hunger.

The only other sport in action yesterday was women's volleyball, where the Soviet

Union beat the United States in straight sets to capture the first of eight meetings between the two countries in the Goodwill Games' team sports.

China downed Peru 3-1. Brazil beat Canada 3-0 and Japan topped Cuba 3-1. The Chinese team is unbeaten in its last five international competitions.

The Games began on another perfect day in the Pacific Northwest. A bright sun shone on the flags of the 50 states when Rev Jesse Jackson addressed a crowd of Soviet and US residents who were celebrating the start of the competition.

Games officials also could finally relax now that they have seen the fruits of their labours come to life.

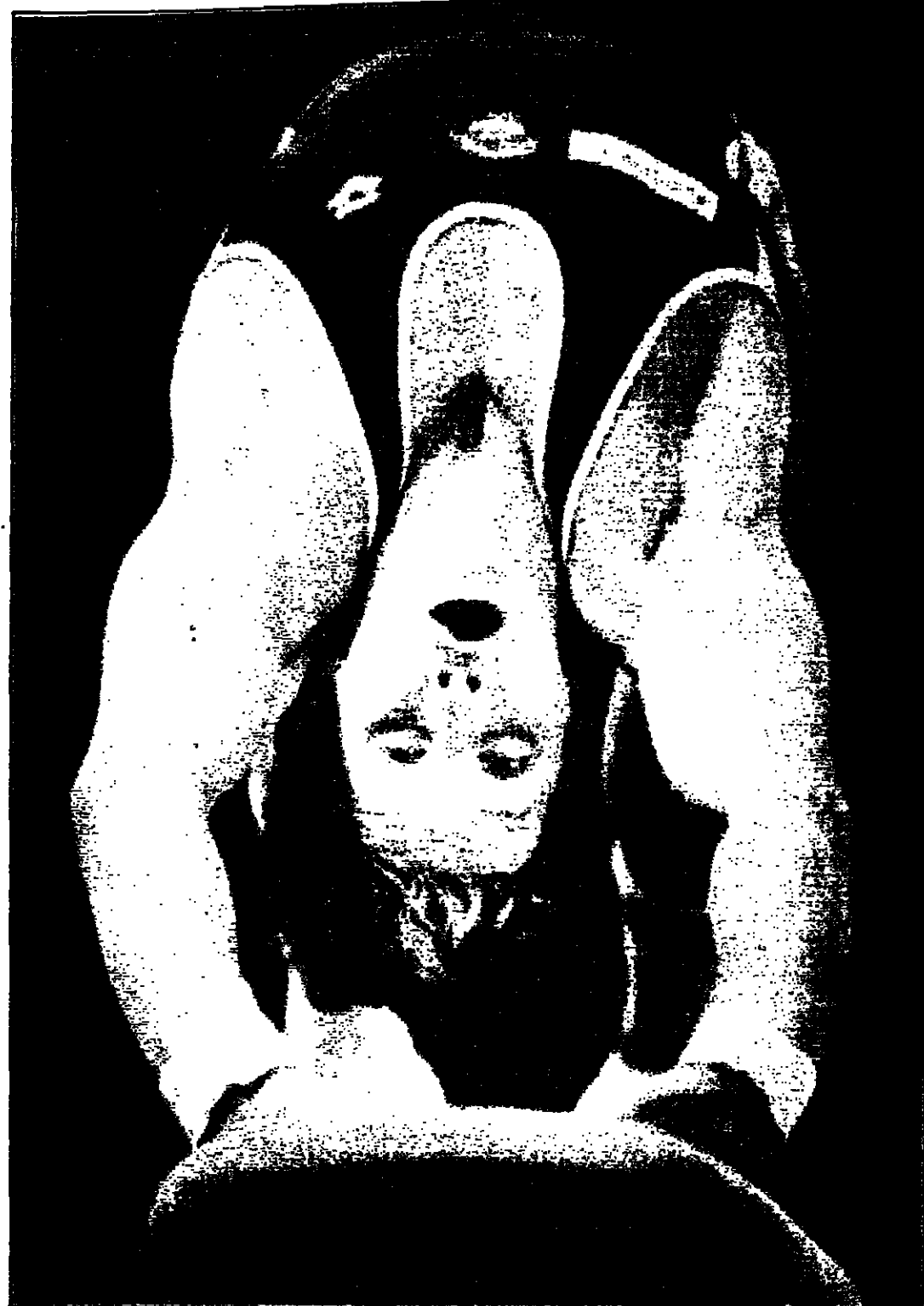
"I woke up after four hours of sleep and all I could think about was the fact that today was July 20th," said Seattle organising committee executive vice-president Kathy Scanlan, who joined in a four-year effort to bring the Goodwill Games to fruition. "This is a big, big day. It's an emotional day for everyone who has been a part of this."

Goodwill Games officials, however, had to put up with a lot of empty seats on the first day. Less than 200 people showed up for the early volleyball games and, although virtually all the tickets were sold for the gymnastics competition, the 17,403-seat Tacoma dome was only about half full.

Those heading to Tacoma and the suburb of Federal Way, where swimming was conducted, found themselves caught in a major traffic snarl resulting from the combination of rush hour and fires that charred an area near highway Interstate 5.

Barrowman, of Potomac, Maryland, set his former world record of 2:12.89 last year at the Pan Pacific meet in Tokyo. He trains with native Hungarian Jozsef Nagy and developed a new "wave action" stroke from watching the movie "The Hunt for Red October."

His swim underlined the quality of the newly built pool and also drew fellow US swimmer Kirk Stackle and Spainard Sergio Lopez into times that would have broken the old world mark. Stackle and Lopez finished in a dead heat for second in 2:12.24.



Soviet Union's gymnast Vitaly Scherbo does a back flip on the vault at the Goodwill Games. (Reuter wirephoto)



Barrowman (above) on his way to the world record and later raising his arms in victory. (Reuter wirephoto)



E. German gymnast Heiko Neugebauer flips in the air while doing the floor exercises at the Goodwill Games. (Reuter wirephoto)

Usha aims to quit after Asian Games

NEW DELHI, July 21, (Reuter): India's top track athlete P.T. Usha said today she would retire from competition after September's Asian Games in Beijing.

"I have been running for a decade now and the Beijing Games would be my third Asiad in a row," Usha said. "It is time I hung up my spikes while at the top."

The 25-year-old Usha said she wanted to make her farewell appearance a memorable one and do well in all her four events in Beijing — the 400, 200 and 100 metres and the 400 metres hurdles.

Dismal

Usha, fourth in the 400 metres hurdles at the Los Angeles Olympics — in the absence of East Bloc athletes — six years ago, was written off after a dismal showing at the 1988 Seoul Games.

But she came back to win four gold and two silver medals at the Asian track and field championships in Delhi last November.

She skipped the Auckland Commonwealth Games in January, saying she was not fully prepared, forcing the withdrawal of India's athletics squad which consisted of only four other women who could not produce a fast enough relay time without Usha.

Barely

Usha said the Asian Games schedule, with the finals of two of her events within 45 minutes of each other on the second day, would be hard on her.

"The 400 metres hurdles final has been scheduled barely 45 minutes after the 200 metres final and I intend competing in both these events," she said.

"It has been done deliberately as I was considered the main challenge to the Chinese hurdles."

Baker-Finch takes clubhouse lead

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland, July 21, (AP): Ian Baker-Finch rolled in seven birdies and an eagle today to take the clubhouse lead after 54 holes of the British Open, while Nick Faldo was continuing his record pace.

Baker-Finch shot an 8-under-par 64 for a three-round total of 204, a dozen shots under par, as the feared old course of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club once again was more lamb than lion.

Faldo, who was tied with Greg Norman for the lead at 12-under after the second round, had three birdies on the opening nine holes today to move to 15-under. Norman was two shots behind after two birdies and a pair of bogeys under bright sunshine.

Little-known English golfer Paul Broadhurst gave the course its worst beating today, knocking in six consecutive birdies en route to a nine-birdie round of 63.

Broadhurst, who survived a collision with a phone booth

door Friday night, tied the record for the lowest single-round score at any of the 119 British opens.

The second-round scores of 132 by Faldo and Norman tied the lowest halfway total in open history, and the 1-under par 143 that marked the cut was a tournament record by three strokes.

Norman and Faldo were aiming today at the open record for 54 holes. Tom Watson's 202 in 1980.

Only 14 of the first 46 golfers out today had above-par rounds. There were so many low scores that the scoreboard workers in the press tent ran out of the red numbers that signify below-par scores.

But Broadhurst was in the record books. He did it with a game of phenomenal iron play, after a quirky collision with an old, red British telephone booth.

After going to dinner last night, Broadhurst — unsure of his 1-under 143 had made the cut



Faldo (left) and Norman during today's game. (Reuter wirephoto)

— called the course to check and see when he might be teeing off in the morning.

He walked into the phone booth and the heavy metal door sprang back, hitting him above the right temple and drawing blood.

"It gave me a good crack in the eye," he said, a small cut still

visible.

The European PGA Tour Rookie of the Year in 1989, Broadhurst came to the Open with one career victory, in a rain-shortened tournament in France last year. His best showing this year was an 11th-place tie at the AGF Open in Montpellier, France, in April.

LeMond finishes 5th in time trial to take Tour lead

LAC VASSIVIERVE, France, July 21, (AP): Greg LeMond took the overall lead and virtually assured himself of his third Tour De France victory today, finishing fifth in an individual time trial and taking a two-minute-and-16-second lead with only one stage remaining.

The 216 lead over Italian Claudio Chiappucci almost will be impossible to

overtake in the 21st stage tomorrow, a 182.5-kilometre (113.5-mile) flat course to Paris ending on the Champs Elysees.

LeMond finished today's 45.5-kilometre (28.5-mile) circuit in one hour, three minutes and 37 seconds, 57 seconds behind stage-winner Eric Breukink of the Netherlands.

Chiappucci, who had worn the yellow,

jersey of the overall leader since July 11 and had a five-second lead entering the day, finished 16th in 1:05:58.

Breukink remained third but closed only within 2.29 behind LeMond, 13 seconds behind Chiappucci.

Last year LeMond won the Tour De France on the last day by capturing the final time trial. He wiped out a 50-second

deficit to Laurent Fignon to win overall by eight seconds. LeMond also won in 1986.

"I was afraid until the halfway point," LeMond said. "But when I saw I was a minute ahead of Chiappucci I felt better."

"At the end I wasn't going too quickly because I thought it would be better to save something for Sunday," LeMond

said. Traditionally, tomorrow's final stage is a show lap with the riders not expected to attack.

The riders catch a train tomorrow morning to get to Breigny Sur Orge to have a relatively flat ride into Paris, returning to the mass finish.



A French family watches the riders go by. (Reuter wirephoto)



LeMond (right) smiles as he shows an erotic magazine to Chiappucci.



Chiappucci is treated to a glass of wine in Castillon. (Reuter wirephoto)

Coach picks Burrell to beat Carl Lewis

SEATTLE, Washington, July 21, (Reuter): If conditioning is the deciding factor, Leroy Burrell should beat world record holder Carl Lewis in their 100-metre showdown at the Goodwill Games next week, their coach said yesterday.

"Leroy should win because he is faster now, based on training and races," coach Tom Tellez told Reuters in a telephone interview from his University of Houston office.

"But you don't want to underestimate Carl. He's a phenomenal runner, he's got more experience and he's taller than Leroy so he can make up a lot in a hurry."

Lewis edged Burrell four times in Europe last summer, but the streak could end on Monday when they clash for the first time this year.

The 23-year-old Burrell has frequently dipped under 10 seconds this season in dominating the circuit with sparkling times that include a 1990 best time of 9.96 seconds.

Lewis, 29, missed valuable training time this year while working on his autobiography and has run only a handful of races. His best time is 10.05 seconds, well off his 1988 world record of 9.92 seconds.

Tellez offered an interesting handicapping of the eagerly awaited sprint duel.

"There's no question Leroy is better prepared to run faster," Tellez said. "He's in the groove. I really believe he's ready to drop down in the low nines (seconds)."

"Carl, though, hasn't run under 10 seconds this year so I don't know if he's ready for the big drop."

The key could be how well each runner handles the latter stages of the race, Tellez said.

"Leroy will get out of the blocks faster, but once he gets out there he's got to run," the veteran sprint coach said. "If he doesn't, he could lose at the end."

For Lewis, who will also compete in the long jump on Wednesday, it could come down to how relaxed he is.

"If Leroy gets out the fastest, Carl can't make his move early," Tellez said. "He's got to run his own race."

Villa name Czech as new coach

LONDON, July 21, (Reuter): Aston Villa, spearheading English clubs' re-entry to European competition next season, sprung a surprise today when they appointed Czechoslovak World Cup coach Jozef Venglos to succeed Graham Taylor as manager.

Taylor was appointed England manager last Sunday.

Venglos, 54 and a fluent English speaker, is expected to sign a two-year contract and take over on August 1, subject to work permit formalities.

"I have been following English football for many years," he said. "I had experience as a player against English clubs many times and I know that football here is not a sport but some part of religion."

A shrewd tactician, Venglos coached Czechoslovakia in 76 international matches in the quarter-finals of the Italy World Cup where they lost 1-0 to eventual champions West Germany.

After a successful playing career with Slovan Bratislava, he coached in Australia, Malaysia and Portugal and was assistant coach when Czechoslovakia won the European title in 1976.

He guided Czechoslovakia to third place in the 1980 European championship, but resigned after they were eliminated in the first round of the 1982 World Cup in Spain without winning a match. He returned in 1988 to guide the side to Italy.

Villa, who are on a pre-season tour of Sweden, can expect an early bonus from Venglos's appointment. He should be able to provide them with detailed knowledge of Banik Ostrava, their first round opponents in the UEFA Cup.

Europe has been missing English teams," he said at a press conference at Villa Park. "It has been like bread without butter."

Cup chairman

LONDON, July 21, (Reuter): New Zealand's Russ Thomas was named today to succeed the late John Kendall-Carpenter as chairman of the board of directors for next year's rugby World Cup.

Thomas, from Christchurch, is New Zealand's International Rugby Football Board representative and was a leading figure in the organisation of the inaugural World Cup tournament in New Zealand and Australia in 1987.

Stuttgart tennis

STUTTGART, West Germany, July 21, (Reuter): Semifinal results at the men's one-million-dollar Stuttgart tennis tournament today:

Guillermo Perez-Roldan (Argentina) beat Henri Leconte (France) 6-7 (3-7) 6-3 7-6 (7-5).

Goran Ivanisevic (Yugoslavia) beat Emilio Sanchez (Spain) 6-4 6-4.